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Mr Heffer's job to be unfilled until referendum

Mr Wilson does not propose to replace Mr Eric Heffer, the dismissed junior minister at the Department of Industry, until after the referendum vote, a Cabinet source disclosed yesterday. Mr Short announced that the referendum will be held on Thursday, June 5, and the result will be declared on Sunday, June 8. Labour MPs will have a free vote on the nature of the count.

Left-wing disquiet over dismissal

By Michael Hatfield
Political Staff

A Cabinet source disclosed last night that Mr Wilson does not intend to fill the post of Mr Eric Heffer, the dismissed Minister of State at the Department of Industry, until after the EEC referendum vote.

The extra burden that that will place on ministers in Mr Wedgwood Benn's department was quickly revealed yesterday when Mr Michael Meacher, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Industry, tried vainly during the morning session of the standing committee on the Industry Bill to abandon the afternoon session.

While he was doing that, Mr Heffer was quelling a threatened revolt by some left-wing members of the committee outside the door. To the alarm of government whips, they were threatening to boycott the committee in protest against the dismissal of Mr Heffer.

The former minister of state saved the Government's timetable, however, by telling his *Tribune* colleagues that he did not approve of the proposed boycott, and they abandoned it. It is expected that Mr Heffer will continue to serve on the committee as a backbencher.

The day was fraught with difficulties for Government business managers. Mr Walter Harrison, Deputy Government chief Whip, had to break up a meeting of the *Tribune* group and insist that some of the members should attend the standing committee session, otherwise the Government would not have a quorum.

Mr Meacher, faced in the morning with the prospect of being the sole ministerial spokesman throughout the day (Mr Benn was not present), moved that "in the light of the circumstances of yesterday" the afternoon sitting should be cancelled.

Mr Heseltine, Opposition spokesman on industry, said the only events of the previous night with which he was familiar were that a majority of supporters of the Government had voted against the Government and that a minister had been dismissed for defying Cabinet conditions concerning participation in the debate.

If those were the reasons to which Mr Meacher was alluding, he failed to see why the afternoon and not the morning sitting should be adjourned. Mr Meacher, after being questioned by other Conservative backbenchers, withdrew his motion.

Mr Heseltine later sent Mr Wilson a letter objecting to the influence of the *Tribune* group in the committee, which, he said, was "setting its trouble-making political preoccupations above the interests of British industry".

He also suggested that the restoration of political balance in the Department of Industry would be helped by the appointment of a member of the Labour Manifesto group to replace Mr Heffer.

When the afternoon session began, Mr Meacher and Mr Benn were present, but more than half the *Tribune* backbenchers on the committee were conspicuously absent. They were attending the equivalent of a parliamentary shop-floor meeting, at the end of which, they issued the text of a letter to Mr Heffer. It read:

Dear Eric,

All the members of the *Tribune* group—and we feel there are many others of the Parliamentary Labour Party as well—want to express our thanks for all the fine work you did as a minister, notably in connexion with the Industry Bill. We understand that it could not have been easy for you to face the choice you have had to make and we would like you to know we are solidly with you and behind you.

Mr Heffer said yesterday that he did not regret defying the Prime Minister, as the time had come to make a stand. "I felt very strongly about this and I was well backed", he said. "I have done the right thing and proven free speech."

Result declaration on Sunday, June 8

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent

Westminster

The decision of the British people on membership of the European Community will be announced during the evening of Sunday, June 8. Announcing that in the Commons yesterday, Mr Short, Leader of the House, confirmed that Referendum Day will be June 5, allowing three days for the votes to be counted.

There was no indication that the House would go into recess for the duration of the referendum campaign but Mr Short promised that the Whitsun recess would be arranged to run from May 26 to June 6, so that MPs could play a full part in the closing stages of the campaign.

Opening the second reading debate on the Referendum Bill, Mr Short said the proposed dates were subject to the measure getting the Royal Assent in time. All stages would have to be completed in the Commons during the week beginning April 21, with Royal Assent being given by about May 8.

Although Mr Short touched briefly on the virtues of allowing the people to have their say on this unique issue, it was clear that he fell far short of headlong enthusiasm for referendums. He observed that the ultimate sovereignty of Parliament would not be affected.

Mr Short announced that Labour MPs would be allowed a free vote on whether the count should be central or by counties.

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Verdict on Hanratty was right, QC finds

By a Staff Reporter

James Hanratty was guilty of the A6 murder for which he was hanged in 1962, an independent assessor, appointed by the Home Secretary, reported yesterday.

Last night Mr Hanratty's father, Mr James Hanratty, who has been fighting to clear the name of his son since his execution for the murder of Michael Gregsten, described the report as a whitewash and called for a public inquiry into the case.

Meanwhile the "A6 murder committee", set up under the chairmanship of Mr Jean Justice, will continue its campaign to prove Mr Hanratty's innocence.

Questions about the case were also put by Mr Phillip Whitehead, Labour MP for Derby, North, to Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, in the Commons, and Lord Russell of Liverpool is expected to raise the matter in the Lords next week.

Mr Hanratty, aged 68, said: "There is nothing different in the report from what was said at my son's trial at Bedford in 1962. The campaign will go on even if I have to sell my house to pay for it.

"When I visited my son in the death cell I spent 90 minutes with him and I said: 'Jimmy, is there anything you have to tell me?' He said: 'Dad, there is only one thing I want to tell you. I did not commit this crime and I am going to die for it in the morning. I want you to clear my name'."

In his 97-page report published yesterday Mr Lewis Hawser, QC, said that no additional evidence put forward since the trial cast any real doubt on the jury's verdict.

Replying to Mr Whitehead in the Commons, Mr Jenkins said: "I accept this independent assessment and I hope that now, nearly 14 years after the event, MPs will do so too."

The Home Secretary said he was not prepared to have Miss Storie put again in the witness box with that dreadful incident in her life revived unless there was some independent indication that the verdict was ill founded.

"This has been gone into by a QC of the highest repute and he has found to the contrary. I am afraid that as far as I am concerned that trust be the end of it."

Mr Paul Foot, editor of the *Socialist Worker*, who wrote a book about the murder, said he would again call for a public inquiry into the case.

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'Rockets hiss over our heads and plough into the jungle 400 yards away .... Troops laugh as shells kick up dust in front of us'

Government forces make a stand in the battle for Saigon

From Peter Hazelhurst
Hung Nghia, seven miles west of Xuan Loc
April 10

Units from the North Vietnam 341st Division today again penetrated into the centre of Xuan Loc, a provincial capital 37 miles north-west of Saigon, but the Government claims the communist troops were driven out of the city at noon after five hours of bitter street-to-street fighting.

In what appears to be developing into one of the ultimate battles for Saigon, communist troops also edged westwards from Xuan Loc last night, and are now engaged in bitter fighting with Government troops on Route 1, about seven miles west of the besieged town and about 30 miles north-east of the capital of South Vietnam.

On the front line, 500 yards west of the communists' forward positions, it would appear as if Government troops are no longer on the run and are attempting to stem the advance towards the capital near this small hamlet of Hung Nghia, seven miles west of Xuan Loc on Route 1.

The communists are entrenched in positions in thick banana tree plantations on both sides of the vital highway, 400 and 500 yards north of our positions. Machinegun fire from a helicopter gunship rips through the thick tropical foliage 300 yards away on our left, or eastern, flank as the communists' units attempt to encircle a squadron of camouflaged armoured troop carriers and tanks which are pouring shell after shell into the North Vietnamese positions 500 yards down the deserted road.

Shells and rockets fired by the Government's rear artillery units hiss over our heads and plough into the jungle 400 yards ahead. The cavalry troops clap their hands and laugh as shell after shell kicks up large clouds of brown dust in front of us.

The North Vietnamese units were hidden when we arrived at the front line this morning. Ranger units moved forward about an hour ago to flush them out. Then the grey smoke from marker flares and rockets puffed up over the thick foliage, the fight was on.

First helicopter gunships swooped low over the jungle in front of our position and machineguns raked the entire area occupied by communist troops. The gunfire sounds as though someone has jammed cardboard into the fast turning spokes of a giant bicycle wheel.

The gunships flit over the jungle tree tops like deadly giant dragon-flies. A tank rumbles up 10 yards away. The gunner coordinates his sights, and with a convulsive jerk the cannon spews another shell into the jungle.

During a lull I can hear the distant boom of explosions as North Vietnamese long-range 130mm guns shell the besieged city of Xuan Loc seven miles to the east.

The battle near this small hamlet on Route 1 is vital. First, communist troops straddling two sides of the road in front of us have prevented the Government from rushing reinforcements to the 18th Division defending Xuan Loc. Second, if the Government cannot hold them here, it is hard to see what would stop them from pressing on to Saigon.

The accuracy of the communists' mortar fire is deadly, and we have crouched down behind the broken walls of a roofless and battle-scarred ruin. Ten yards away cavalry troops sit on top of a stationary tank grinning.

Suddenly a helicopter swoops down 10 yards away to pick up newspaper photographers. They clamber aboard and the ship lifts off and turns away within a minute. The flurry of the activity of the helicopter apparently caught the attention of communist observation posts.

Within minutes a mortar shell pounds down and explodes four yards away behind our protective wall. The fragments slice through the trees above our heads. The tank men have disappeared down their hatches and infantrymen crouch with us in the roofless ruin. A second shell drops, this time closer and soldiers disappear. We run, crouched low, out of the target area of the mortars.

A non-commissioned officer claims that the communists have already moved their 130mm guns into the area and are using them to shell Xuan Loc. He is convinced that his division will hold out and will not retreat.

From evidence on the road it is obvious that Government troops are certainly attempting to stem the communists' advance.

The engines of an armoured troop carrier and a tank start up and the vehicles move forward gingerly down the paved road towards the communist positions. A second barrage of mortar shells falls, slightly injuring one German and two French photographers.

For miles a never ending stream of refugees winds its way westwards towards Bien Hoa. Some carry a few possessions in bundles over their backs. Others have packed household belongings into small carts drawn by tractors. Others are moving west on motorcycles, bicycles and on foot.

As they pass along the route, residents of villages far from the front are seen packing. Perhaps the two decades of war in South Vietnam has given them a sixth sense that the fighting is moving closer to Saigon.

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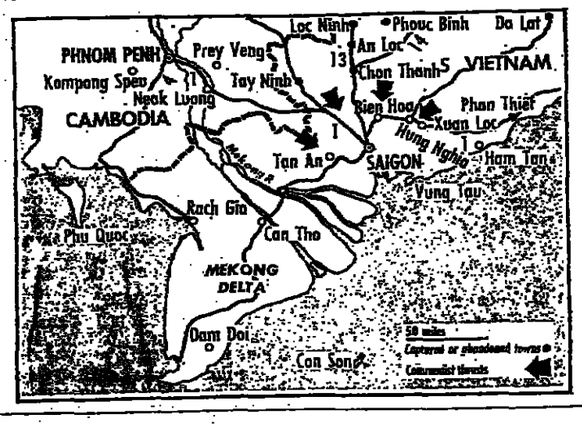

Mr Ford seeks a way back to bipartisan foreign policy

From Fred Emery
Washington, April 10

President Ford is expected to appeal for a bipartisan approach to foreign affairs, when he addresses Congress tonight.

Mr Ford is taking his task of steadying the helm with greater seriousness than anything attempted yet in his presidency. "Jerry Ford was the most tense and most serious in the 23 years I've known him", said Mr Thomas O'Neill, the Majority Leader in the House of Representatives, after attending a meeting with the President yesterday.

He recounted that Mr Ford had declared: "My speech will be strong and frank and nothing phoney about it whatsoever. . . . It is the most serious speech I, as President, will ever make to Congress."

According to the White House Mr Ford will not dwell on Vietnam, but attempt to place it into the overall foreign perspective of the United States. However, he is expected to repeat his appeal for $300m (about £122m) more in military aid to South Vietnam, while sketching out America's eventual readiness to evacuate those Vietnamese it feels might be victims of Communist retaliation.

Informed officials believe that the President has been considering between 175,000 and 225,000 people, as a start, of those Vietnamese who might have to be evacuated. They say that in contingency planning it has been painful to "separate out" into various categories the people who would have priority for evacuation were South Vietnam to collapse.

Meanwhile, the quarrel here over secret agreements between the United States and Saigon Governments has not been settled by the White House half disclosure of private assurances from President Nixon to President Thieu.

Senator Henry Jackson, the Presidential contender who made the original charge, is both satisfied he proved his point, and dissatisfied with the reluctance of the White House to publish the documentary exchanges. He said he would now make a formal demand for Senate hearings and put Dr Kissinger on oath.

Khmer Rouge rockets halt rice flights

From Bruce Palling

Phnom Penh, April 10

The Cambodian Government has suffered several setbacks on two fronts round the capital, with Khmer Rouge troops now only two miles from Pochentong international airport. According to military sources, about 200 insurgents broke through between two Government brigades early today to the positions north of the airport. As yet there has been no crippling fire on the airport from these forward positions, but the American rice airlift was suspended all morning after an early rocket barrage killed three Cambodian cargo handlers and injured several others. In all more than 30 rockets and shells fell on the airport, many landing near the loading ramps where the DC8 rice flights unload their 45-ton loads.

In spite of the fact that one DC130 cargo aircraft carrying ammunition was slightly damaged, these aircraft continued to fly in from Thailand, and the rice flights also resumed at noon.

The United States Embassy disclosed that most of the 300 Cambodian Embassy staff with their families had been flown out by American aircraft to Thailand. The Embassy is also continuing its attempts to reduce the number of Americans it will ultimately have to evacuate from Phnom Penh once the decision is made to withdraw from Cambodia completely, and a number of civilian pilots were flown out today.

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RAF watch on Soviet vessels near oil rigs

By Our Defence Correspondent

Two Nimrod maritime reconnaissance aircraft of RAF Strike Command were keeping watch last night on a group of Soviet naval vessels, including a submarine, which took up position near some of Britain's oil rigs.

That is the latest in a series of incidents involving Soviet ships passing near oil and gas installations in the North Sea.

The first sighting came yesterday morning when a Whisky-class diesel-electric submarine, usually armed with long-range missiles, surfaced near the Odin rig in the Orkney area.

The submarine was joined by an intelligence-gathering vessel. An hour later, a Kotlin-class destroyer was reported to be closing in on the Neptune-7 rig near by.

Photograph by Warren Harrison

Mr Heath and Mr André Previn rehearsing with the London Symphony Orchestra in Battersea Town Hall yesterday for concerts they will conduct in Cologne and Bonn today and tomorrow.

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addition to the fullest news overage and analysis of the udget on Tuesday, *The Times* ext week will be publishing a ide ranging series of reports ad features. On Monday, heila Black discusses the state Fleet Street after the *Daily Mirror* dispute, and there will e a profile of Archibald Cox, ie Watergate prosecutor; on uesday, Prudence Glynn has a exclusive interview with the uchess of Windsor. Sports overage through the week will nclude international football natches, Spanish Open golf, nd the Badminton horse trials. here will be a daily report on ie situation in the seven local ducation authorities which are esisting Mr Prentice's circular o go comprehensive. All this ill be in addition to the comrehensive daily news service nd the leading articles and etters which distinguish *The imes* from its competitors.

Tobacco health warning delays

Britain's cigarette manufacturers were accused yesterday by Dr Owen, Minister of State for Health, of appalling behaviour in rejecting or delaying agreement on government proposals on cigarette advertising and promoting health warnings. The minister said that during a year's negotiations attempts to reach a voluntary agreement had been made without threats, but he added: "If the industry fails to do anything I will put proposals to the Government

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'Arms gang' held

Swiss authorities have arrested five members of a gang alleged to have been involved in raids on arms and ammunition depots. The stolen firearms are said to have been supplied to foreign terrorist groups

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M Giscard in Algiers

M Giscard d'Estaing, the French President, arrived in Algeria yesterday to become the first European head of state to visit the country since it achieved independence on July 3, 1962

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Portugal's 'mistake'

Portugal's ruling Armed Forces Movement now feels that it was a mistake to allow political parties to form after the revolution a year ago, one of its leading members said yesterday. He criticized the parties for fighting among themselves

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Slump for sterling

Sterling continued to weaken on the foreign exchange markets yesterday. It fell to its weakest level for almost three months against the dollar which has begun to recover strongly from its depressed levels of earlier this year.

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Bank seeks customers

Barclays Bank has sent out letters to almost a million customers of other banks inviting them to transfer their accounts to Barclays. The bank's move marks a further stage in the build-up of a more aggressively competitive approach among the banks towards bringing in new personal accounts

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Ceasefire in Ulster shaken further by attack on RUC

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The shaky ceasefire between the Provisional IRA and the British Army received another blow yesterday afternoon when terrorists opened fire on an RUC patrol in the centre of the predominantly Roman Catholic town of Newry.

One policeman and a girl aged 16 were injured in the attack, which was made in daylight while the town was crowded with shoppers who had flocked there for market day.

The attack comes in the wake of new orders issued to active service units earlier this week by the Provisional IRA's ruling army council. The council's statement implied that what were described as undisciplined *elements in the RUC and the* Ulster Defence Regiment were now considered legitimate targets for defensive and retaliatory attacks.

Newry, a town close to the border, contains some of the most militant members of the Provisional IRA, and recently they have been growing increasingly disillusioned with the peace. There have been a number of incidents in the area during the ceasefire.

Last night the conditions of the injured policeman and the girl were described as not serious.

There was growing concern in "loyalist" circles yesterday that the continuing feud between the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force would prevent Protestants from ever organizing another strike similar to the one that brought down the Executive.

Mr James Smyth, who led the strike, urged the two sides to get together, and hinted that British undercover agents might be involved in attempts to prolong and aggravate the dispute. Later, an army spokesman repeated the familiar denial that the SAS was operating in Northern Ireland.

The mystery continued over the whereabouts of the missing UDA leader, Mr Hugh McVeigh, and a paramilitary colleague, Mr David Douglas.

In Dublin, the Fugitive Offenders Bill was introduced in the Senate after two days of acrimonious debate in both Houses of Parliament. The Bill, *the last remnant of the Sunningdale* agreement, allows or specified crimes of violence to be tried in courts on either side of the border.

During the angry debate a Fianna Fail senator, Mr Bernard McGlinchey, accused anyone supporting the Bill of being nothing short of a British collaborator.

Dr Coggan crosses the peace line in Belfast

From a Staff Reporter
Belfast

With the practised skill of a campaigning politician, Dr Coggan yesterday braved a chill Ulster drizzle to face his most *testing hour since his appoint*ment as Archbishop of Canterbury.

While troops and armed police kept watch from a discreet distance, Dr Coggan went walking in what is undeniably one of the most *dangerous parts* of Britain, the small maze of narrow streets that divides the Roman Catholics of the Falls from their Protestant rivals on the Shankill.

Dr Coggan was given an enthusiastic welcome as he climbed out of his car in the noted republican stronghold. Then, accompanied by a crowd of about 40 Catholic housewives, he crossed the peace line and made his way towards St Luke's church, a gaunt grey building which stands alone amid a huddle of bricked-up houses.

To the surprise of the soldiers and the delight of accompanying churchmen, he then invited the Catholic women to join him inside the church, where he pronounced the blessing and said a short prayer of reconciliation. "It was just something that I made up on the *spur of the moment*", he explained later.

For many of the Catholic housewives it was the first time for many years that they had crossed the peace line without worrying for their safety. "It was marvellous, I wish it could *be like this all the time*," one said.

Dr Coggan then took tea and cakes before continuing his progress on the other side of the religious divide. No warning had been given of his visit, so few people gathered.

"Paisley is our leader—Ian Paisley for ever", a small group of women in scarves and curlers bellowed as Dr Coggan and his party turned into the staunchly Protestant Shankill Road. Others gave him a friendlier reception as he made his way in and out of the small shops that crowd the road.

Steered clear of two bars frequented by hard-line members of the Ulster Defence Association, Dr Coggan then crossed the road for the return journey

As he made his way cheerfully to the car waiting to take him on a tour of the crowded wards in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dr Coggan said: "It was an astonishingly good reception. They are wonderful people." He added that he had come to inform himself and, as far as he could, to bring *encouragement to people living* in the troubled areas.

Campaign of bombings by 7 Irishmen alleged

Seven Irishmen were accused at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday of waging a year-long campaign of IRA terror bombings in the West Midlands. Mr Patrick Russell, QC, for the prosecution, said that 31 bomb attacks had caused immense devastation doing £500,000 *damage to property.*

An army bomb disposal officer was killed trying to defuse one device, and a teenage youth was badly hurt attempting to escape the effects of another.

The seven, all from Birmingham, were: Martin Coughlan, aged 34, Gerard Young, aged 27, Patrick Guilfoyle, aged 25, Anthony Madigan, aged 20, Joseph Duffy, aged 23, Gerrard Small aged 28, and Michael Murray, aged 38. *All have* denied conspiring between August 1, 1973, and August 3, 1974, to cause explosions in the United Kingdom and to destroy or damage property by fire.

Mr Madigan has also denied causing an explosion and possessing an explosive substance. Mr Guilfoyle and Mr Small deny causing two explosions each, Mr Murray, causing one explosion; and Mr Duffy, possessing explosives.

Sixteen jurors, 11 men and five women, were challenged and replaced before the trial started.

Mr Russell said the jury might conclude that each of the defendants was affiliated to, *or at least sympathetic* towards, the aims and objects of the Provisional IRA, which was prepared to promote the cause of a united Ireland by a campaign of terror.

He continued: "But this is in *no sense a political trial. Such* a process is wholly alien to our institution and the motive of these defendants in doing what is alleged against them is not to be regarded as the linch pin on which this prosecution rests."

He said that between August 29, 1973, and August 2, 1974, *there were 31 bomb attacks in* the Birmingham area, 13 involving high explosives and the rest incendiary devices. Three of the gelignite bombs failed to go off.

Altogether 29 devices were used in the incendiary attacks, sometimes two or three for the same target, and the devastation was immense, causing £500,000 damage to property.

The prosecution contended that the attacks, in three waves, were the work of one gang of terrorists. There were seven high explosive attacks in a *19-day period in September*, 1973, a single attack in January, 1974; three more high explosive devices and one incendiary attack in April, 1974; and two high-explosive devices and 14 incendiary attacks in July and August, 1974.

Scientists examined the remains of the devices and found remarkable similarities

The trial continues today.

Cigarette industry accused of health-warning delays

By Stewart Tendler

Dr. Owen, Minister of State for Health, yesterday accused Britain's cigarette manufacturers of "appalling" behaviour in rejecting or delaying agreement on government proposals *for cigarette advertising and* promoting health warnings.

After a written answer in the Commons, Dr Owen later explained that he had decided to disclose the state of a year's negotiations with the tobacco industry to let public opinion decide what should be *done*. Attempts at a voluntary agreement had been made without any threats, but he added: "If the industry fails to do anything, I will put *proposals* to the Government."

The minister is understood to have privately considered legislation to force a new and sterner health warning for cigarette packets and advertisements.

A new warning of "Danger: Cigarettes cause lung cancer, bronchitis, heart disease" was among the government proposals. Yesterday Dr Owen said that had been rejected along with the idea that a proportion of the tobacco *industry's spend*ing on promotion and advertising should go to health education.

In his written answer he said the industry would spend about £70m in 1974-75 while health education received a mere £330,000.

Dr Owen accused the industry, represented by the Tobacco Advisory Council, of *delays* in deciding on abolition of *advertising in cinemas although they* had agreed on U films. There had been no agreement on tighter controls for sponsored events or a speedy conclusion to more than two years of talks on indicating tar yields on packets.

The cigarette manufacturers have agreed, however, to show these on posters and in press advertisements.

Dr Owen asked for the positioning of warnings on packets to be moved to the more prominent position on the flap but there had been no agreement on that. His written answer, to *a question by Mrs Audrey Wise*, MP for Coventry, South-west, also noted a refusal by the cigarette manufacturers to end gift coupons or restrict them to lower and middle tar yields.

Dr Owen told the Commons: "It is a matter of great regret to me and, I think, to all those who are concerned about the *real dangers to health from* smoking, which accounts for at least 50,000 premature deaths a year, that the industry was not able to agree to any of the above proposals."

Cigarette manufacturers have stopped press advertising of free samples, and a new code of practice has been given to the Advertising Standards Authority to administer. That replaces a code operated by the industry itself.

It is understood that the code will attempt to stop advertisements that may exaggerate the attractions of smoking, claim it is natural and a necessity for relaxation, or attach to it social attributes.

The code would bar many present cigarette advertisements, which draw criticism for the social cachet or other attributes they link to a cigarette brand.

Commenting on his written answer at a press conference, the minister said he felt that the new packet warning was "purely factual". Asked if the question of health education was not a matter for government funds, Dr Owen said a contribution from the industry would encourage them to reduce promotion.

Dr Owen's attack brought a response from the Tobacco Advisory Committee after it had met yesterday morning. A statement said that only the proposal for a £7m contribution to health education had been rejected. "This was unacceptable, and it should be borne in mind that the Government already derives over £1,25[illegible] a year from the tax on [illegible]ing" it said.

The other proposals were [illegible] being discussed, and a [illegible]ing with the Department [illegible] Health was scheduled for [illegible] this month. The statement [illegible] the industry was willing [illegible] cooperate but "I expect[illegible] to [illegible] allowed enough time to [illegible] place investigations."

The question of tar yields [illegible] packets has been under [illegible]sion for over two years. [illegible] spokesman said the [illegible] involved questions such [illegible] Trade Descriptions Act.

Other executives in [illegible] cigarette industry expressed [illegible] at the ministe[illegible] attitude, and said the de[illegible]ment had hindered progress [illegible] accepting one proposal [illegible] then coming back with [illegible]

Dr Owen drew no praise [illegible] from Action on Smoking [illegible] Health (Ash) either. A spo[illegible]man said the minister [illegible] spoken splendidly, but [illegible] backed his words with ac[illegible]

Hold-ups on pay report upset doctors

By Our Medical Reporter

Uneasiness about the Government's intentions lies behind statements condemning the delay in publication of the review body's report on doctors' pay made yesterday by leaders of the country's 23,000 general practitioners and 15,000 hospital junior medical staff.

The doctors are satisfied that the review body has accepted their arguments and probably recommended awards ranging from 30 to 40 per cent for the profession. Its report was sent to Mr Wilson on April 1.

A joint meeting between representatives of the Junior Hospital Doctors' Association, the ginger group of hospital junior medical staff, and the British Medical Association junior staff group council decided that if the hospital service is to survive "even in its present parlous state" the re*port must be published* and accepted by the Government in full immediately.

The General Medical Services Committee, representing the family doctors, met yesterday in the belief that the report would be available for discussion. It expressed disappointment at the Prime Minister's *explanation of why considera*tion of the report had not been completed.

It decided to defer collective action by general practitioners for the time being on the understanding that the Government publishing the report urgently recognizes the importance of publishing the report urgently. The position would be kept under review.

The BMA said that more than 17,000 undated resignations had been received from general practitioners. They were called for in case the Government *failed to implement the review* body's recommendations.

The two junior doctors' organizations have agreed on a varied programme of sanctions if the outcome is unsatisfactory to them. The sanctions involve restrictions on duties leading to eventual resignation, with their services available through BMA agency *arrangements*.

Detention for students who changed places

Two students who changed places for an A-level examination were sent to a detention centre for three months yesterday. Mr Roderick Bowsin, the Clerkenwell magistrate, was told that the authorities were investigating many more identical offences. He said he had a public duty to pass a deterrent sentence.

The students, Kheng Chua, aged 19, and Yeng Lau, aged 20, both from Malaysia, pleaded guilty to obtaining a GCE A-level pass in geography by deception.

Detective Sergeant Ian *Dulaney said Mr Lau, of Suther*land Avenue, Paddington, felt he was not properly prepared for the examination, and Mr Chua, of Belton Road, Willesden, agreed to take it for him.

Conservation victory

Conservationists have won their campaign to prevent the demolition of buildings in the market place at Chesterfield, Derbyshire. A town centre redevelopment scheme has been dropped in favour of a smaller project.

14th-century doors fetch £36,000

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A pair of fourteenth-century carved oak doors were sold at Sotheby's yesterday to the Münster Landesmuseum for £36,000, a comfortable auction record for any Gothic wood carving. Sotheby's had been estimating £25,000 to £30,000. They were great rarities and very appealing.

The original use is unknown but the carving pierces the panel, turning it into a lattice*work of little figures. Each* is divided into 12 sections with a pair of carvings symbolising each month. March, for instance, has a single panel containing a ram, and a second with a farmer tilling the soil, his wife with a rake following him. The carving is primitive but beautifully evocative of contemporary life.

Only two sets of Gothic carving somewhat similar in form are known, in the cathedrals of Amiens and Cologne. These two doors were recorded in a private collection in Freckenhorst, Westphalia, in 1886, and are believed to have come from that convent there.

The sale contained a collection of Gothic wood carvings formed by Hermann and Maria Schwarz, of a quality seldom seen in the London sale rooms. The bidding in yesterday's sale was selective, with many dealers from Germany, Belgium and Holland. But where they liked a piece the price ran well beyond Sotheby's expectations.

An Austrian limewood group of the Virgin and Child of 1515-20, catalogued as "from the circle of the Meister von Favor", made £12,500 (estimate £800 to £12,000). A Malines polychrome limewood group of the Virgin and Child, of about 1490 made £6,200 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000), a Swabian limewood group of St Anne of about 1520, £8,000 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000) and a Flemish carved oak equestrian group of about 1500 £4,200 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500)

Christie's held a sale of *English furniture*. The special interest was a group from Langley Park in Norfolk. It has always been believed that Chippendale provided the furniture for this house, but there is no conclusive evidence. The style of the pieces is anglicized Palladian with a debt to William Kent. The top price was £5,250 (estimate £5,000 to £7,000) for a pair of massive breakfront bookcases.

£2,100 for chairs: Fine English, French and Continental furniture, clocks and ormulu realized £51,050 at Bonham's for 104 lots. Pride gave £2,100 for a set of eight Regency rosewood dining chairs

One of a pair of fourteenth-century carved oak doors sold for £36,000 at Sotheby's yesterday.

Protest by warders hits courts in London

Unofficial action by hundred prison officers at ford remand centre, Middl caused a disruption of bus at the Central Criminal C yesterday.

The officers were demand a substantial London-weig allowance. Nine prisoners to be taken to the Ce Criminal Court failed to ar and visiting at the centre affected.

Four judges at the Ce Criminal Court had to rearr their court lists, and one was postponed. One of prisoners was due in court sentence, others to hear a ications for bail.

The 400 prisoners at Ash were served with meals, b other activities were ha Only those due to appear fixed time in magistrates' c were allowed out.

The Prison Officers' Ass tion said the Ashford actio wholly unofficial. The off had "jumped the gun".

An official said: "We pla official action from office all the penal establishmen the London area in 10 time. We knew nothing this protest at Ashford."

Printing unions disagree over offer

By Our Labour Staff

Leaders of two printing Unions are recommending acceptance of a 32.5 per cent pay increase for 200,000 workers in provincial newspapers and the general printing trade. But two other unions in the industry have rejected the proposals.

Earlier this week, the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa) decided to recommend acceptance to its members. Yesterday, the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades announced a similar decision.

The National Graphical Association, which represents most of the industry's key skilled workers, and the smaller Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers, Engravers and Process Workers (Slade) want further improvements.

The offer gives an increase in the basic rate for printing craftsmen from £29.43 to £39 a week, with a further increase to £41 in November. Other workers in the industry will receive proportionate increases.

The planned agreement, which will last for a year, also gives improved overtime and holiday pay.

The new rate incorporates threshold payments, a further £4.86 in new money.

Not enough being done to end hunger, FAO chief says

By a Staff Reporter

Both developing and developed nations have failed to do enough to combat world hunger, Dr A. Boerma, director-general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, said in Aberdeen yesterday. The world food situation was still "a disgrace to the twentieth century", he said.

For most of the past 30 years the international community had been fighting world hunger "in a piecemeal fashion, without the overall sense of commitment and integrated purpose which alone can win wars", he said. The lack of political will by governments was the main reasons for the failure.

Dr Boerma was giving the inaugural lecture of the Boyd Orr Memorial Trust, set up in memory of Lord Boyd Orr, the first director-general of the FAO, who died four years ago.

The developing countries *had made great efforts to over*come world hunger, he said. Taken as a whole, they had managed to increase their food production sufficiently fast to keep ahead of a rate of population growth that was unprecedented in history.

But it was far from enough. The FAO estimated that there were about 500 million people in developing countries who suffered from permanent hunger and malnutrition.

Governments of developing countries had not given agriculture and rural development sufficient resources or sufficiently high priority. In some countries scarce resources had been allocated to priorities which had tended to serve national pride rather than the basic interests of ordinary people.

The rich developed countries had shown "a fair amount of understanding and support" over the years for the needs and difficulties of poorer *nations, but their practical assis*tance had been nowhere near adequate.

Dr Boerma accused them of "tight-fistedness regarding financial aid in comparison with the needs" and of "clinging to entrenched trade positions which have prevented developing countries from earning sufficient foreign exchange to buy the amounts of food or fertilizers they require".

However, the world food crisis of the past three years had brought home to governments how dangerous the world food situation was, and there were signs that they were willing to make the direct, concerted thrust of political will to fight the war.

Chess leader beaten by junior champio

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Birmingham

Lively play in round 13 o Zetters grandmaster internat tournament in Birmingham terday resulted in a pro change in the lead as the A can player, Matera, succumb a strong attack by the j world champion, Tony Miles.

It looks likely that the Y slav grandmaster, Marjanovic, overhaul Matera when he fin his adjourned games. He ha exciting match yesterday ag Simon Webb and finished a to the good; but the young En player can still pose him a ber of problems in the endi

The youngest player in tournament, Jonathan Mestell, a neat little game in 25 m against Ball and so has an e best chance of reaching not the international masters' but the grandmaster norm.

Latest scores: Matera 9½, janovic 9 (having played the two games in advance), ovic 8½ and two adjourned, tell 8½ and one game in Haag 8. Miles and S. Wel and one adjourned, Janosev Bisguier 6, Gasic and Num Chellstorp 5, Cordon 4½, B Botterill 3½, and Cafferty 3.

Results in round 13: Webb adj against Marjanovic; Bisg M. Matera, O Hope drew Chellsto Haag 1 (1971 Queen's Indian Nesbitt 1, Ball 0 (Ruy Lopez); Janosevic 1, Bisguier ½ (Ruy L Cafferty 1, Cordon 0 (Ruy Lopez); Num ½, Bell ½ (Pelc opp Janosevic 1, Cafferty (Anything Adjourned games results: Bogm Haag ½, Mestell ½; Cordon 0, Miles 1.

'Sham warrant used to enter IRA house'

A warrant used by detectives raiding a house in a search for stolen property was a sham, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday. In fact, the detectives were from Scotland Yard's bomb squad and did not wish to disclose the true reason for the raid in case it interfered with their investigations, Mr Michael Hill, for the prosecution, said.

As a result of the raid, in north London, an IRA mission was foiled because the detectives arrested two members of an IRA active service unit who had just arrived to plant bombs or find bomb targets.

Counsel said one of the men had drawings of three high-explosive bomb diagrams operated by alarm clocks. Under the carpet of a bedroom in which the two had slept a blank pass to an oil refinery in Kent was found.

Michael MacLochlainn, aged 17, of Bogside, Londonderry, and Joseph John Coughlan, aged 27, of Tullamore, co Offaly, pleaded not guilty to conspiring with others unknown in July, 1974, to cause explosions in the United Kingdom likely to endanger life or cause serious damage to property.

The trial continues today.

Hours deal for au pair girls

Four hundred Norwegian au pair girls now in Britain will work only five hours a day five times a week with a guaranteed day off under an agreement signed in London yesterday between the Norwegian Government and the Federation of Personnel Services.

Mr Donald Cropper, secretary of the federation, said he hoped Norway's lead would pave the way for similar agreements

Hospital crutches

Peterborough District Hospital yesterday appealed for the return of 600 crutches and walking sticks, valued at £5,000, which it had lent to patients.

Jet passenger hurt

A woman was injured as passengers were leaving a British Airways "shuttle" service Tri*dent which made an emergency* landing at Heathrow airport yesterday after a fire alert.

Man's denial in roulette case

Eustace Porfyratos, aged 31, a Greek shipping broker, of Radnor Place, Paddington, London, said in evidence at the Central Criminal Court yesterday that he had no knowledge of a roulette wheel at Le Cercle Club in Park Lane being fixed in his favour.

The prosecution has alleged that Mr Porfyratos and several other people, including a croupier, plotted to cheat the club by using a wheel that had been tampered with. Mr Porfyratos had denied conspiring with others to defraud the club of £38,000.

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Eggs to cost extra 3p a dozen next week

Food prices

By a Staff Reporter

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Egg prices are to go up by 3p *a dozen from Monday*. The increase will mean that producers will be making a profit for the first time this year. Until now they have been losing about £1m a week.

Major Barry Webster, chairman of the United Kingdom Egg Producers' Association, said yesterday that they will continue with their protest against the import of cheap French eggs. There would be another blockade of South Coast ports next week, unless Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, came back from the EEC farm ministers' meeting in Luxembourg with "*some acceptable arrangements*".

"The price rise only makes our market more attractive to the French eggs", he said. "Even more will come in next week. It is their overproduction that causes the trouble. Why should we rescue the French from their own folly?"

Announcing increases of 3p a dozen on the wholesale price of large and standard eggs and 2p on medium, Goldenlay, Britain's largest egg marketing group, said yesterday that the fall in the level of imports caused by the farmers' picketing of ports was partly to blame. French egg imports had fallen from more than 17,000 cases a week to about half that figure.

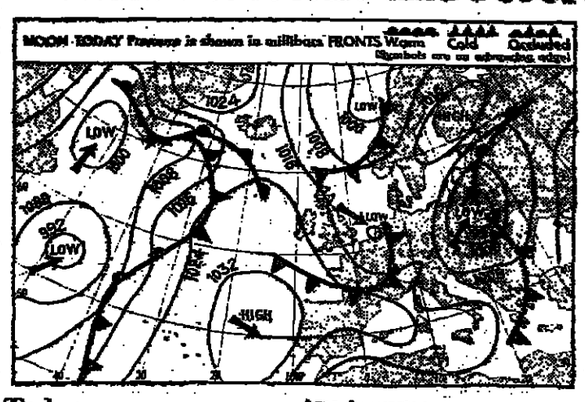
Supplies were down also because of a cut in production by British producers who have been affected by the low prices for eggs this year. Weekly production had fallen below 400,000 cases (of 360 eggs each). That was causing concern, Goldenlay said. There was also a bigger demand for eggs because of the cold weather.

The cold, wet weather has also affected vegetable prices. Harvesting of root and green vegetables has been difficult, and spring vegetables have been held back. Carrots are exceptionally expen*sive this week at 10p to 15p a* pound; spring greens are 10p to 12p a pound, and cauliflowers 14p to 25p a head.

Salad vegetables, white still dear, are melt down in price. Cucumbers are 20p to 25p each; round lettuces are plentiful and cost 10p to 14p each. The first English cos lettuces are beginning to appear at 13p to 18p each. Imported outdoor tomatoes are steady at 25p to 35p a pound, but home-grown hot house tomatoes are up to 35p to 40p, because of an increase in demand. There are more new potatoes from Morocco, Egypt and the Canaries, selling at 9p to 12p a pound.

There is more fish in the shops again, after the end of the fishermen's blockade. Prices are likely to return to pre-Easter levels, with cod fillet at 55p to 65p, haddock fillet 60p to 70p and plaice fillet 70p to 75p. Meat prices are steady. Frozen chicken is on special offer at Safeways at 27p a pound and at Scottish Cooperatives at 25p a pound.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Sun rises: 6.15 am. Sun sets: 7.50 pm
Moon rises: 5.48 am. Moon sets: 8.1 pm
New Moon: 5.39 pm.
Lighting up: 8.20 pm to 5.43 am.
High water: London Bridge, 2.36 am, 6.9m (22.6ft); 2.57 pm, 7.0m (23.0ft). Avonmouth, 8.8 am, 12.5m (41.0ft); 8.21 pm, 12.6m (41.4ft). Dover, 12.2 pm, 6.3m (20.6ft). Hull, 7.0 am, 7.0m (22.9ft); 7.5 pm, 7.1m (23.2ft). Liverpool, 12.4 pm, 8.9m (29.5ft).

A shallow depression over the S North Sea will move away SE; A NW airstream will cover the British Isles.

Area forecasts:

London, SE, central S, central SW England, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Frost early, sunny spells, scattered showers; wind NE, moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

East Anglia, E, NE England: Frost early and late, cloudy, sleet or snow, becoming brighter, scattered showers; wind N, fresh; max temp 8°C (46°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, E, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Northern Ireland: Frost in places early, sunny spells, scattered showers; wind NW, moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Caithness, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetlands: Frost early and late, sunny intervals, scattered showers, moderate or fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow: Sunday: Sunny intervals, occasional showers in N, mainly dry in S; temp near normal N, rather cold in N.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7.8°C (46°F) at 4 pm, 9°C (48°F); min, 7°C (45°F) at 7 am, 1°C (34°F). Humidity, 81 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 0.62in, Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 7.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1000 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	c	15	59	Copenhagen	r	4	39	Lisbon	s	16	61	Nice	c	9	48
Amsterdam	r	8	46	Dublin	r	8	46	Locarno	s	11	52	Nicosia	c	21	70
Athens	s	19	66	Edinburgh	r	5	41	London	s	7	45	Oslo	r	4	39
Barcelona	d	16	61	Florence	c	9	48	Luxembourg	r	6	43	Paris	r	7	45
Belfast	r	10	50	Frankfurt	c	15	59	Madrid	r	10	50	Reykjavik	s	1	34
Berlin	d	8	46	Geneva	c	11	52	Majorca	r	13	55	Rome	r	13	55
Biarritz	r	7	45	Gibraltar	c	17	63	Malaga	r	15	59	Stockholm	r	3	37
Birmingham	r	7	45	Guernsey	c	8	46	Malta	s	16	61	Strasbourg	r	9	48
Blackpool	r	5	41	Helsinki	r	1	34	Manchester	r	5	41	Tel Aviv	s	21	70
Bristol	r	7	45	Innsbruck	sn	2	36	Moscow	c	2	36	Tenerife	s	21	70
Brussels	r	9	48	Istanbul	c	17	63	Munich	sn	1	34	Venice	r	10	50
Budapest	r	9	48	Jersey	c	9	48	Naples	c	15	59	Vienna	r	7	45
Cardiff	r	6	43	L Palmas	f	19	66	New York	s	7	45	Warsaw	c	5	41
Cologne	r	8	46									Zurich	sn	1	34

Overseas selling prices

Republic of Ireland 15p; Belgium 15 Channel Islands, incl Denmark 5.50; Finland, Italy 200; Luxembourg 15; Malta 80; Germany, Rhine 90; Spain 80; Holland, Int 1.20; Mar 400; Luxembourg, U 18; Fgn 1.5; Malta 5; Norway, Ex Portugal, Esc 17.50; Spain 1 Sweden, Kr 1.50; Switzerland 2.50

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HOME NEWS

James Hanratty was guilty of A6 murder, QC concludes in report to Home Secretary

By Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent

James Hanratty was guilty of the A6 murder, for which he was hanged in 1962, an independent assessor appointed by the Home Secretary has concluded.

In a report published yesterday, Mr Lewis Hawser, QC, says that "the case against Mr Hanratty remains overwhelming". Additional evidence put forward since his trial "does not cast any real doubt upon the jury's verdict".

In particular, Mr Hawser finds there was no new reliable evidence supporting Mr Hanratty's alibi that he was in Rhyl at the time of the murder. The report also clears from suspicion Mr Peter Alphon, one of the original murder suspects, whose bizarre behaviour since Mr Hanratty's death has included twice confessing to the crime.

James Hanratty was convicted of the murder by shooting of Michael John Gregsten in a lay-by near the A6 in Bedfordshire in the early hours of August 23, 1961. The main prosecution witness, Miss Valerie Jean Storie, who was with the murdered man, was raped and shot by the murderer. She has been paralysed since the shooting.

Mr Hanratty, aged 25, was found guilty and sentenced to death in February, 1962. His appeal failed and he was hanged in April, 1962.

Since then Mr Hanratty's family has campaigned to prove his innocence. Four books have been written attempting to show that he was wrongly convicted. The latest and most exhaustive, by Mr Paul Foot, included new evidence not available at the time of trial. There have been repeated calls for the case to be reopened.

In July, 1974, Mr Roy Jenkins, Home Secretary, appointed Mr Hawser to make an independent assessment, taking into account the new material and all the representations made asserting Mr Hanratty's innocence.

One of the points of conflict both at the trial and since concerned the identification by Miss Storie. The three main criticisms made of that and of her credibility as a witness were: that she changed her description of the murderer's eyes from brown to blue; that her description of the colour of his hair altered and did not fit Mr Hanratty's hair; and that she had made a statement to the police, which was not before the jury, which differed in a number of respects from her evidence at the trial.

Mr Hawser says there was nothing to support the suggestion that she changed the description of the colour of the eyes. She had always described them as blue. She also appeared to have consistently described the man's hair as brown. Although her description did not fit Mr Hanratty in all respects it had to be viewed in the light of the circumstances in which she saw him.

On the material then available to the jury "I do not think that Miss Storie's visual identification, standing on its own, could have been regarded as conclusive. It must have been open to question", Mr Hawser agrees. The new material would tend to make one approach her identification even more circumspectly than one would have done at the trial.

He goes on, however: "I do not consider that the additional material casts doubt upon the general reliability of her evidence. When she said she had no doubt that Mr Hanratty was the murderer, I am satisfied that she genuinely believed this; and, on the view I have formed of the case, she was not only truthful but accurate."

The other main point of conflict concerned the "Rhyl alibi". At his trial Mr Hanratty gave evidence that he spent the night of the murder August 22-23, at a boarding house in Rhyl. Previously he had told the police that he was in Liverpool that night.

He called as a witness to the alibi the landlady, Mrs Jones. According to Mr Hawser, she was an unsatisfactory and unreliable witness whose evidence was confused, and who often shifted her ground.

Mr Hawser analyses in detail new material concerning the alibi which had become available after Mr Hanratty's death. It was mainly statements made by witnesses living in Rhyl.

After saying that the evidence available at the trial raised the plain and unmistakable inference that Mr Hanratty did not spend the night of August 22 either at Mrs Jones's house or anywhere else in Rhyl, Mr Hawser concludes that nothing in the new evidence raised a reasonable doubt as to the correctness of that inference.

Mr Hawser points out that all but one or two of the Rhyl witnesses were trying to identify a man after a lapse of five months, with whom they had had a chance encounter of a quite casual character lasting a very short time: and were trying to identify him when being shown a photograph of one man and no one else.

On the role played by Mr Peter Alphon, Mr Hawser emphasizes that there was no direct or positive evidence that he committed the crime. His "confessions" were a mass of contradictions and inconsistencies.

"It has, perhaps, not always been appreciated what a formidable case built up against Mr Hanratty as the trial proceeded", Mr Hawser's report concludes. "A remarkable number of features belonging to the murderer—such as voice, pronunciation, accent, use of language . . . dress, age, general build and appearance and large staring blue eyes—fitted Mr Hanratty.

"The presence of used cartridge cases from the murder gun in a room where he had stayed and the finding of the murder weapon underneath the back seat of a bus—a place which he had admitted he had used as a receptacle—added to the growing list of identificatory material."

The case of James Hanratty (Report of Mr C. Lewis Hawser, QC. Cmnd 6021. Stationery Office, £1).

Leading article, page 15

Town hall staffs to demand 30pc pay rises

By Raymond Perman
Labour Staff

Local government white-collar workers yesterday rejected the social contract and decided to follow civil servants in claiming pay increases averaging 30 per cent.

Delegates of the 300,000 members of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo) working in local councils decided that their annual wage claim ought to be for a flat £10 a week plus 15 per cent, representing between 25 and 40 per cent. It will be put to employers next week.

During the special conference, with speaker after speaker taking a militant line, the delegates decided that a programme of industrial action should be drawn up and put to the annual conference in June if the pay claim is not met in full. Delegates suggested a ban on overtime and the introduction of new legislation, or a refusal to work on the EEC referendum.

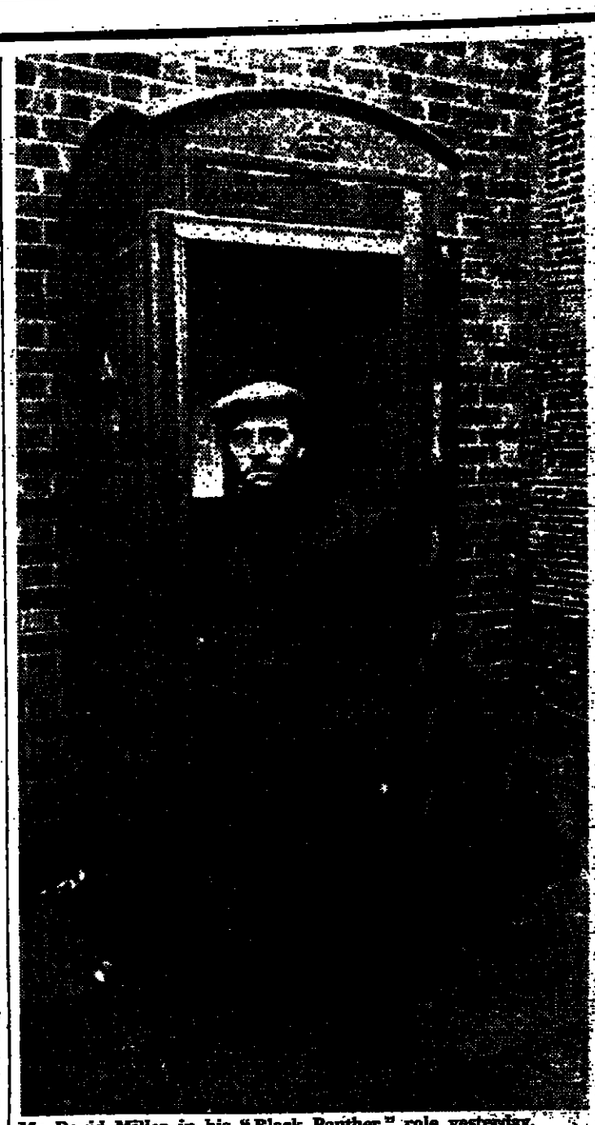
The thousand delegates also refused, with only one dissenting vote, to reaffirm Nalgo's support for the social contract. They decided to press for their pay increases from May 1, two months before the due date and in specific defiance of the social contract 12-month rule.

Nalgo's militancy will be a blow to councils who also have a social contract breaking claim from manual workers for the restoration of pay differentials. The Government has said that if they concede claims above the TUC's guidelines the extra money will have to come from ratepayers.

Seamen's claim: Union leaders of 42,000 Merchant Navy seamen yesterday rejected a 21 per cent pay offer from the General Council of British Shipping, and will seek a big improvement when talks resume on April 22 (our Labour Staff writes). A similar offer was rejected by ships' officers.

The National Union of Seamen lodged one of the largest claims in its history. It would add 81 per cent to the industry's wage bill.

It wants a basic £40 for a 40-hour week for qualified men, better overtime rates and regular cost of living increases. Present basic rates, excluding threshold payments, are £25.69 for the lowest grade, with average earnings about £59 a week. The offer rejected includes consolidation of threshold payments and about £1 extra, to give a basic £30.76 a week. Employers say that would raise average weekly earnings to £65.01.



Mr David Miller in his "Black Panther" role yesterday.

Big response to actor as 'Black Panther'

From Arthur Gaman and Clive Borrell
Kidsgrove, Staffordshire

Public response to Scotland Yard's initiative in using an actor to play the part of the "Black Panther" at Kidsgrove yesterday was immediate and effective. Last night extra detectives were brought in to handle hundreds of telephone calls to the murder headquarters. New and valuable information was received.

Murder squad detectives had dogged the steps of Mr David Miller, an actor who bears a striking resemblance to the man the police wish to interview in connexion with the kidnapping and murder of Miss Lesley Whittle. In hail and snow, Mr Miller, dressed in shabby clothes with a made-up growth of beard, shambled through the streets in the hope that someone's memory would be jogged.

He first went to a telephone box, the last positive contact point known to the police where the wanted man called the girl's brother, Mr Ronald Whittle, and demanded £50,000 ransom. Then he walked through the town to the park.

Mr Miller said later: "I have played some grim roles in my time but never anything quite like this. Normally I appear before an audience of 30 a night. Tonight I suppose probably for the first time and the last, millions will see me on television and see my photograph in their newspapers.

"I was only too glad to accept this job, because it is vitally important that the man I am playing should be found. I only hope my appearance today will produce the vital lead that now seems necessary."

New ideas could bring back trolley bus

From Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent
Nottingham

Clean, quiet trolley buses could be brought back to Britain's towns and cities without most of the costly, unsightly and inflexible overhead wiring which caused them to be scrapped over the past 30 years.

With modern technology, trolley buses could operate with as little as a quarter of the route system wired, according to an as yet unpublished study by the Motor Industry Research Association (Mira) for the Department of the Environment.

The electrified stretches would be positioned where a number of routes overlapped. Passing through, the new-style trolley buses would draw power to propel them over the rest of the route.

The Mira study, which is expected to go to the Department of the Environment soon, suggests that new-style trolley bus networks would be feasible in large cities or in medium-sized towns.

But Mr Stanley Andrew, Mira's commercial manager, told the Chartered Institute of Transport's congress on transport, energy and the environment in Nottingham yesterday that the change from internal combustion to electric traction could not be supported on energy grounds.

Studies of forklift trucks showed that the same vehicle consuming the same amount of fuel ran for about a hundred hours with a diesel engine, compared with six hours if on an electric battery. Similar disparities in energy use were evident with buses.

Spending by local authorities may rise 30% in 1975-76

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Local authority spending is expected to increase by 30 per cent in 1975-76 over the total for last year, according to the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy. The conclusion is based on detailed returns from local authorities about their budgets.

Inflation is given as by far the largest single factor in the increase. The contingency provision for inflation for county councils alone is almost £1,000m, an average of 21 per cent, and the institute estimates that inflation provision by local government will be between £1,500m and £2,000m.

It means that one pound in five of local authority spending, and a large slice of the burden on the ratepayers, is employed in covering expected increases in pay and prices.

The inflation factor comprises three elements: the excess in 1974-75 over that provided for in the original budgets when the Government's suggested provision of 9 per cent proved to be a gross underestimate; the full year effect of 1974-75 inflation in 1975-76; and the contingency provision for 1975-76 inflation.

The institute points out that local authorities have been more realistic in calculating their provision for the current year, and have generally provided for about 20 per cent, "although 25 per cent is not rare". Three of the largest county councils have included more than £40m in their budgets for inflation. The present high levels of interest rates are also having an impact.

From the statistics of a sample of a quarter of all local authorities, representing more than half the total local government expenditure, the institute concludes that local authorities have made every effort to contain spending growth in real terms to the 4 per cent provided for by the Government's rate support grant settlement.

One authority, Hertfordshire,* has an estimated growth rate of 0.4 per cent, and most are below 6 per cent.

The growth will be mainly in education, social services, housing, police and fire services, and transport, but much of that is because of demographic changes such as increases in the young and elderly groups. Authorities are also being helped to assist passenger transport operations, particularly in metropolitan areas.

Many authorities are cutting spending on roads and road maintenance. Hertfordshire, for example, within its overall growth rate of 0.4 per cent, has increased education by 0.5 per cent, and social services by 5 per cent, but reduced highways by 4.3 per cent.

Some authorities have also increased fees and charges and housing authorities have raised rents. A few authorities used working balances to limit the increase in their rate levies.

Lady Coventry's suit

Lady Coventry, second wife of the eleventh earl, who is 41, is seeking a divorce. Her undefended petition is set down for hearing in London.

Pledge on 'sit in' child care JPs

Dr Owen, Minister of State for Health, with responsibility for the Children Bill now before Parliament, said yesterday that he would consider proposals that magistrates should "sit in" on children's behalf when social workers were reviewing cases of children in local authority care.

Professor Hugh Bevan, specialist in children's law, urged Dr Owen on Wednesday to use magistrates to safeguard the rights of children in care by giving them the right to act as observers and arrange if necessary for children to have solicitors. He also supported calls for courts to have power to appoint a children's lawyer.

Dr Owen was speaking on the BBC radio programme *Who Cares About Children?*

£9,000m loans to Britain, Tory says

By Our Political Staff

Government borrowing this year was reckoned at between £9,000m and £10,000m by Mr Prior, shadow Secretary of State for Employment, when he spoke in Sowerby last night.

"While you print money at that rate", he said, "you cannot make a social contract or any incomes policy work. So inflation and prices rise, and unemployment will increase with it".

Referring to the left wing of the Labour Party, he said that it was not the sovereignty of Parliament that they saw as a danger; "it is the threat of loss of sovereignty by the TUC that they are worried about".

In a comment on next Tuesday's Budget, Mr Raison, Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that inevitably because of the worsening rate of inflation and the serious balance of payments situation "economic stringency will be the order of the day".

Plea for low-paid: The Chancellor of the Exchequer is urged today to raise allowances for married men and children so that workers earning less than £30, the TUC's target for minimum wage, shall not have to pay tax (our Labour Staff writes).

The proposal, made in a paper published by the Low Pay Unit is that the allowance of £865 for a married person should be increased to £1,050, for a child below 11 from £240 to £500, for a child between 11 and 16 from £275 to £550, and for a child over 16 from £305 to £600.

Taxing the Social Contract, Low Pay Paper No 2 (Low Pay Unit, 9 Poland Street, London, W1, 50p plus postage).

No one was on bridge, captain tells crash inquiry

Captain Roger Knight, master of the 13,000-ton BP oil tanker British Fern, told an inquiry in London yesterday that he had seen no one on the bridge of a 700-ton coaster before the two ships collided in the North Sea, on Christmas Eve, 1973.

Soon after the collision, he added, he had had a radio conversation with the coaster, the Teviot, which was carrying inflammable liquid gas. "The conversation was roughly to the effect that it was his fault. He was sorry. He had just had to pop down", Captain Knight said.

He denied that he had left it too late to take evasive action before the collision 13 miles off Great Yarmouth. He said he had ordered "hard to starboard" when the Teviot was about a mile away. That was about three minutes before the collision.

He could not agree with an estimate given by his third officer, who was on the bridge with him, that he did not change direction until the ships were half a mile apart.

The inquiry was adjourned until today.

Scholars consider how to reinstate Latin and Greek as the kings of the curriculum they once were

Classics being 'elbowed out' of comprehensive schools

From Philip Howard
Keele

The Classical Association conference did some close scrutiny of its navel yesterday, with a lively discussion about the state of classical studies. From being king of the curriculum in British schools and universities, the classics have suffered a disastrous decline in a generation. There has been a great contraction in the number of students taking classics. Not only Greek, but also Latin is increasingly elbowed out of the brave new world of the comprehensives. Classical departments in some universities spend an increasing proportion of their time on courses in translation.

The traditional reasons for studying Latin are coldly received. It can be accepted that it has a beneficial effect on the writing of correct and supple English, but that has never been the primary reason for studying Latin. A better reason is that a knowledge of classical Latin is the key to understanding the greatest civilization the West has known: its literature, its history, its philosophy, its administration and social life.

By a happy coincidence, Professor Peter Walsh, of Glasgow University, yesterday read a paper that brilliantly illuminated the underlying ramifications of classical Latin into the medieval, Renaissance, and modern cultures. His subject was a poem called "The Confession" by an otherwise anonymous poet known as the Archpoet, the most talented of the creative writers of the twelfth century AD. "The Confession" consists of 19 carefully structured, witty, Latin verses rhyming with feminine endings in the Goliardic ("Good King Wenceslas") measure. It describes the dissolute life of the poet, a prey to the three occupational distractions of poets before and since: girls, booze, and gambling. It expresses contrition, not very convincingly, and asks for forgiveness.

Professor Walsh demonstrated delightfully how the Archpoet was a man between two worlds: you could say the monde and the demimonde; but also the Christian and the classical views of the world. His poem is a mosaic of elaborate word-play, with complex echoes and evocations from classical and Christian authors that hint at ulterior meanings beyond the obvious sense of the words on the page.

The first section, describing the poet's drifting, shiftless lack of principle, is thick with motifs and phrases from Job and the rest of the Old Testament. The central verses, where he turns to the specific sins of sex, boozing, and gaming, are encrusted with echoes from Ovid and other secular Latin authors. The final penitential section has striking New Testament echoes and allusions.

Professor Walsh argued persuasively that the irony of the poet's dilemma is more than a time-serving cynicism. It demonstrates perfectly the creative tension between classical humanism and Christian belief: a tension that still strongly influences us, whether or not it is fashionable to recognize it.

Professor Herbert Huxley, at present of Cambridge, also made a rewarding excursion beyond the supposed boundaries of the unbounded classics, to discuss a sixteenth-century Latin poem called *Syphilides Musae*, by Fracastoro. It is based on Virgil's Eclogue, *Sicilides Musae*, and deals with the origins and cure of syphilis, with many witty Virgilian echoes. It attributes the origin of the French disease to the arrogance of a shepherd called Syphilus, and supposes that it is not caused by sexual promiscuity but by some defect in the air. However those with the disease are advised to avoid sexual intercourse "since lovely Aphrodite herself loathes the disease". The remarkable poem supports the evident truth that it is no more possible for Western European man to renounce his umbilical cord to the classics than it is for him to change the muddy grey colour of his skin.

The first Nato command in Britain opened

From Our Defence Correspondent
High Wycombe

The first Nato command to be created in Britain since the North Atlantic alliance was formed 26 years ago was officially formed at a short military ceremony at High Wycombe yesterday, attended by General Alexander Haig, Supreme Allied Commander Europe (Saceur).

A padre led prayers for peace, and a dozen RAF jets screamed overhead with exquisite timing as Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, Commander-in-Chief RAF Strike Command, assumed an additional Nato role as Commander-in-Chief United Kingdom Air Forces.

RAF Strike Command, which includes all operational squadrons in Britain, controls about 800 aircraft and contains more than half the manpower of the RAF. In practical terms the new Nato role for Sir Denis means that more RAF units will be allocated to the organization and those already assigned will be made available to Saceur.

General Haig said the change came at an appropriate time when questions were being asked by those who believed that the alliance had run its course.

MP challenges ministers on Black Paper

By Our Education Correspondent

Dr Rhodes Boyson, co-author of *Black Paper* 1975, has challenged Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to a national debate on educational standards before an audience of a thousand people picked at random by computer.

The challenge also includes Mr Ernest Armstrong, under-secretary of state at the department, and arises from their comments on the Black Paper when details of it were published in *The Times* last week.

Dr Boyson told an audience in the London borough of Sutton yesterday that Mr Prentice and Mr Armstrong in condemning the Black Paper, which they had not read, were desperately trying to hold back a tide. It was time for the ordinary parent and the teacher, not the pseudo-expert, to be allowed a say in education.

The Black Paper calls for national examinations at seven-plus, 11-plus and 14-plus. Mr Armstrong said it was putting the educational clock back and reintroducing an educational rat-race. Mr Prentice supported his comments.

Inter-City trains still affected

Inter-City trains will not be back to normal before the weekend, despite the end of industrial action by workshop supervisors.

Eastern region said last night that 15 Inter-City trains would be cancelled today and 10 more tomorrow. Services in south-west England are not expected to be normal until the beginning of next week.

Diphtheria check on 400 pupils

Tests are to be carried out today on 400 children at an infant school in Smethwick, Birmingham. An Asian girl aged five, who attended the school died from diphtheria on Tuesday, in Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Cleared on two charges

James Kenneth Howarth, aged 47, former chairman of E. J. Austin International Ltd, was acquitted on the direction of the judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday on two of 13 charges against him relating to an alleged gold mining fraud. The trial continues today.

over a stipulated number of weeks before the troops moved in.

Teeth for transplants stay healthy in deep freeze

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Tooth banks in which extracted teeth can be kept alive in a deep freeze for a year before transplantation into a patient are a possibility after successful tests by Swedish scientists, the conference of the international association for Dental Research was told in London yesterday.

Dr P. Otteskog, of the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, said many healthy and intact teeth extracted for orthodontic reasons were discarded. By freezing, those teeth could be stored on a long-term basis with viability of the attached root-tissue.

Poorly positioned teeth could be removed and transplanted back into the same mouth in one operation but where there was an immediate transfer, the condition of the cells surrounding the root was important for proper healing of the transplanted tooth. In some cases it was advantageous to delay the transplant until the jaw and gums healed, especially if the extraction site was infected. At present in such cases the extracted tooth was stored in tissue culture, which put a time limit on maintaining its life.

In his study 21 healthy teeth extracted for orthodontic reasons were first treated with a cell cultivation technique and then put into a liquid nitrogen freezer at temperatures down to minus 197°C. They had stayed healthy.

Race groups' constitution is criticized

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Weaknesses in the links between the Community Relations Commission and the local community relations councils were criticized in evidence yesterday to the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration.

The National Association of Community Relations Councils said that ideally local representatives should be elected to "a strong community relations organization at national level, able to employ and direct its own officers and yet capable of responding closely to the needs of the local community relations councils".

Entry permits: A delegation of the Indian Workers' Association of Great Britain met Mr Lyon, Minister of State at the Home Office, yesterday to discuss "delays and harassment" at various British high commissions in issuing entry permits to immigrants' fiancées and dependants living in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh (a correspondent writes).

Concern was expressed by the delegation about the Government's proposed legislation to replace the Immigration Act, 1971, with the intended distinction between Commonwealth immigrants and aliens.

Mr Silkin stands by advice on defiant councillors

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, Attorney General, told MPs yesterday that he stood by every word he said in the advice he had given to the Labour Party in 1972 on recompensing councillors who defied the Housing Finance Act and that by everything he had said in relation to it since.

He was intervening during the committee stage of the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill during discussion on opposition amendments to ensure that nobody should have to carry an unbearable burden, or any burden, unless it was deserved.

He said that Mr Short, Leader of the House, had been criticized for allegedly inciting people to break the law during a speech to the 1973 Labour Party conference in Blackpool, but he (Mr Silkin) did not find anything in what Mr Short said that justified that accusation.

Advice Mr Silkin gave had been criticized on two different levels: the first was on the "orthodox" level, contained in a leading article in *The Times*, which recognized that what Mr Silkin was advising about in 1972 was something quite different from the Bill they were now discussing. That article made the perfectly fair point that it was necessary for Mr Silkin to show that the answer should not have been the same in relation to the present Bill as was the answer he gave in relation to a question put to him in July, 1972.

The other level was the "Levinese" example which was that Mr Silkin had quite clearly said something in 1972 and was now trying to wriggle out of it and make believe he had said something different.

Mr Silkin said that in July, 1972, he was asked by the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party in relation to the Industrial Relations Bill and Housing Finance Bill whether, if people were surcharged and paid their surcharges, it would be proper and practicable for the next Labour government to repay those sums.

"It is perfectly clear from their letter that, and that alone, is what I was being asked about, and that alone to which I replied", Mr Silkin said. "What I said was that there was no constitutional precedent when people had been mulct of money, paid in circumstances set out in the letter, for an Act of Indemnity, the purpose of which would be to repay them."

If he had been going beyond that and looking at the question generally, it would have been extremely difficult for him to have said that there was no constitutional precedent for acting in the wider sense. He continued:

"I find myself utterly unable to understand how I could possibly—had the context been a wider one of a Bill of this kind in relation to which I was advising—have failed to say that there was no constitutional precedent I knew of for repaying money in the circumstances described.

"If we are thinking of wider matters then there are definite constitutional precedents.

"I have not been able to find any precedent for repaying money which has been taken away from people, but there are precedents in relation to the kind of circumstances which exist in respect of this Bill."

The committee adjourned until Tuesday.

Pay protest strike by council workers

Municipal manual workers in Liverpool will stage a half-day strike on Wednesday to demonstrate outside Liverpool Town Hall while a council meeting is taking place.

They are demanding the restoration of pay differentials after the recent pay awards given to 200 corporation drivers after a nine-week strike and later to 900 refuse men.

The decision to strike was made at a special meeting of branch secretaries and delegates of the General and Municipal Workers' Union representing 14,000 workers.

Meanwhile, shop stewards are to lobby councillors in support of their claim. Industrial action has been threatened also by 2,400 members of the National Union of Public Employees who are also seeking the restoration of differentials.

Special bonus: Agreement was reached yesterday at a meeting between Glasgow corporation officials, and officers of the Transport and General Workers' Union and shop stewards, to pay the city's 380 dustcart drivers a unofficial strike. It is thought that it will give the men £70 to £80 a week. Troops who have been clearing the rubbish will be withdrawn today.

Councils 'evading duties to the disabled'

By a Staff Reporter

Britain should have a Bill of welfare rights so that people whose local authorities failed in their welfare duties towards them could take them to court.

Some authorities had evaded their responsibilities under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act, 1970, in a way little short of criminal negligence, Mr Charles Irving, Conservative MP for Cheltenham and chairman of Gloucester social services committee, told a symposium on the Act held in London by the British Association of Social Workers.

"They have failed to find out, as the Act requires them to do, how many chronically sick and disabled people live within their areas", he said. "Not knowing who they are, they have naturally not been able to inform them of their rights under the Act. Others have flouted the intention of the legislation by refusing to provide telephones for the sick and disabled; by not providing home aids to mobility; by failing to plan ahead for the provision of suitable accommodation in new housing schemes."

Afternoon paper plan dropped

The *Scottish Daily News*, the newspaper planned in Glasgow by former Beaverbrook workers, will be a conventional morning paper when it appears next month. Plans for an afternoon edition have been postponed, Mr Allister Mackie, co-chairman, said yesterday. But the decision was not the result of union pressure, he said.

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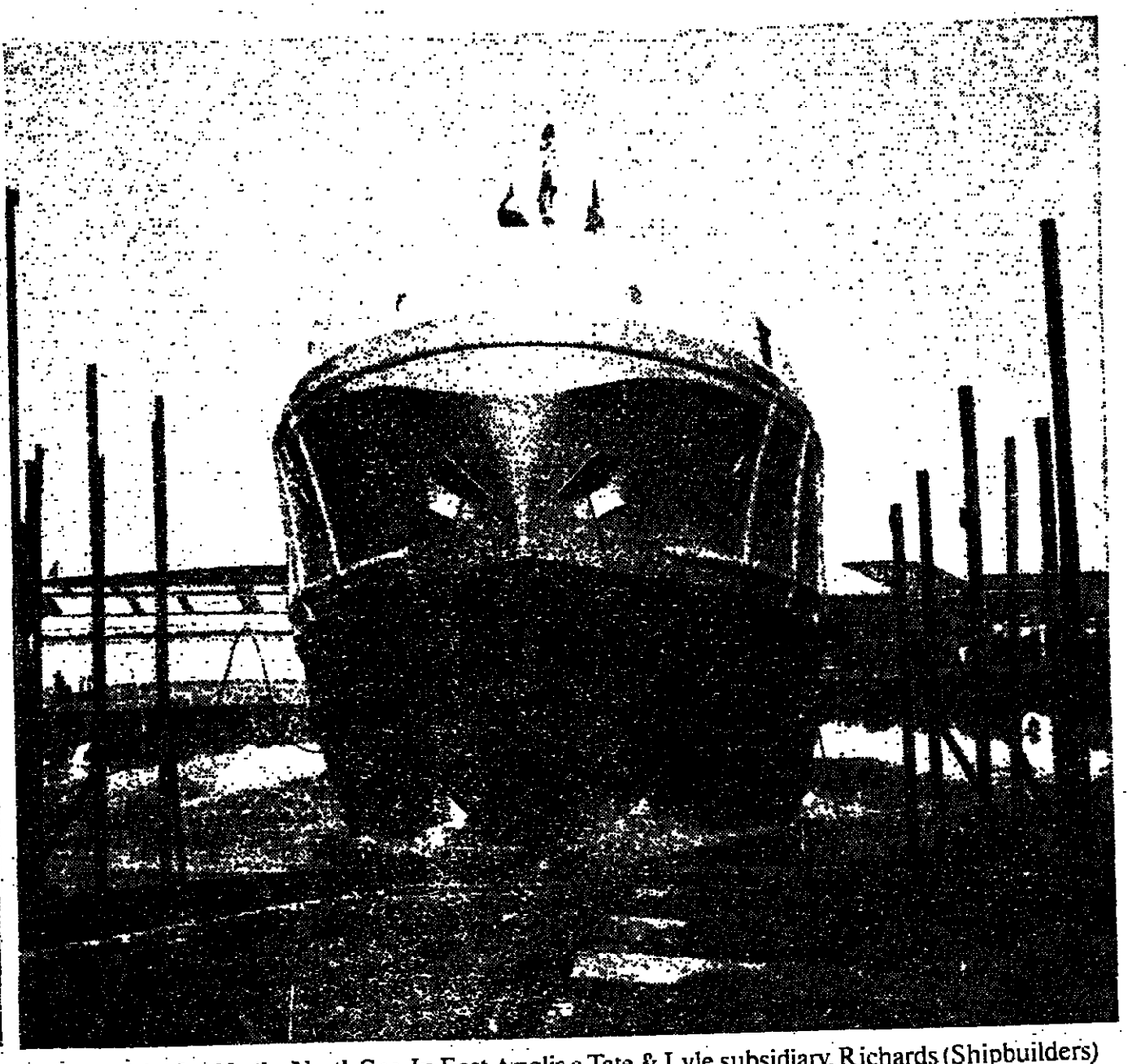

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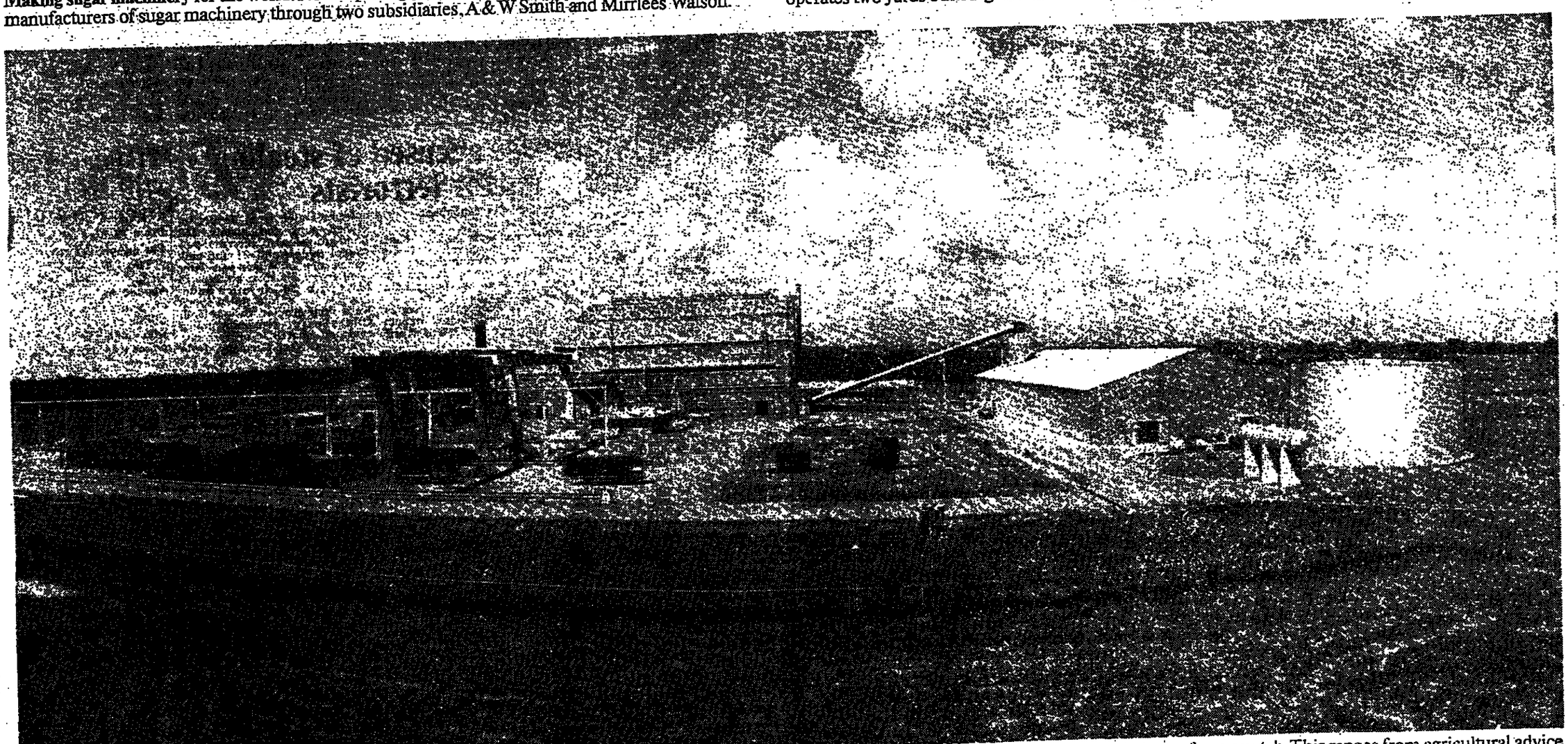

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'Get out of Europe' campaign at the pits

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Miners' leaders yesterday set in motion a pit-by-pit campaign to swing coalfield votes behind the campaign for the withdrawal of Britain from the European Economic Community.

The executive of the National Union of Mineworkers decided to reprint the Labour Party's statement opposing the renegotiated terms of membership, and the union will also mount a propaganda operation at the pithead using posters to call on miners to vote in the referendum against continued membership.

Mr Lawrence Daly, general secretary of the NUM, said last night: "This union will be campaigning for Britain's withdrawal from the EEC in line with our conference decision, because we do not believe it is in the interests of working people here to have their future decided by a bunch of bureaucrats in Brussels. I have always been opposed to the EEC, because it is an attempt to create a capitalist super-state."

The NUM will also be using its monthly journal, *The Miner*, to state anti-EEC arguments, but individual members of the union's national executive will be free to speak their mind in public if they do so in a personal capacity.

There was some disgruntlement among moderate members of the executive that the union was taking such a hard line on the EEC issue, and it will be brought to the notice of the members that the Labour Party decision is a majority rather than a unanimous view.

But the moderates had little scope for attack because the NUM conference last July voted against the principle of British membership of the EEC and for the union's withdrawal from Community machinery in which it had until that time been participating.

Conservatives seek voting rights for Britons living abroad

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

The first official Conservative amendment tabled for the Referendum Bill and published yesterday proposes that British subjects having the right of abode in the United Kingdom but residing abroad, and who do not have the right to vote in any other country, should be able to cast a vote in the referendum.

The amendment seeks to give the vote to people residing abroad who are not on the present United Kingdom electoral register and would require the appointment of a national registration officer who would issue the ballot forms to those eligible. Mr Short, Lord President of the Council, has indicated that if such a broad net is cast it would probably affect several million people.

Another Opposition amendment will seek to remove what Conservatives regard as an amazing monstrosity in the Bill. This states "No court shall entertain any proceedings for questioning . . . the validity of anything done or purporting to be done under this Act or under any order made under this Act".

Mrs Thatcher and her legal advisers believe that would open the way for all kinds of abuses or inefficiency in the conduct of the referendum and the counting of votes.

A new Liberal amendment asks for grants from public funds for political parties that polled more than 5 per cent of the votes cast at the last general election. The grants would cover the cost of printing, publishing and posting to each qualified voter a leaflet of not more than a thousand words explaining the party line on the issues.

Various MPs, including Mr Cledwyn Hughes, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, and other members of the Labour Committee for Europe, are proposing that the £125,000 grant to each of the umbrella organizations, Britain in Europe and the National Referendum Campaign, sshould be increased. Mr Hughes and his colleagues propose £250,000. Another Labour backbench amendment proposes £500,000 for each organization.

An official of the National Referendum Campaign said that it was pressing for an increase in the proposed amount. He said: "It is not enough for us to do any press advertising, but Britain in Europe will be able to do so because they will have sufficient private money donated by vested interests."

Labour anti-EEC members are also protesting to the Chancellor of the Exchequer about the advice being given to firms that they can contribute to the pro-EEC campaign and that the amount, being in support of business interests, can be written off as a genuine business expense. Labour backbenchers are framing an amendment that would require public disclosure of such contributions.

The 2,000-word statements of the case for and against remaining in the EEC have been circulated to all associated organizations and parties by the two umbrella organizations for comments and suggested amendments. The Scottish Nationalist Party was dissatisfied with certain statements in the document prepared by the National Referendum Campaign and are being made.

Crude trade balance with 8 worsens

By Our Political Editor

In his first parliamentary reply on the sensitive question of the United Kingdom's balance of trade with the EEC Eight since the ministerial guidelines came into effect, Mr Shore, the anti-EEC Secretary of State for Trade, contented himself by giving the House tabulated figures.

In a written answer, he said that the "crude" balance of trade with the Eight (exports fob less imports cif) worsened by £1,047m between 1973 and 1974. He conceded that the crude balance was not the best measure, but "figures on a balance of payments basis are not available".

Mr Shore said the main commodity groups contributing to the deterioration were as follows:

Meat and meat preparations—101.
Dairy products and eggs—140.
Cereals and cereal preparations—136.
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey—65.
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials—166.
Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose and artificial resins—81.
Iron and steel—220.

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He remained totally convinced that there should be a central count because this was a national issue and not a question of whether East Anglia, Glasgow or some other area should remain in or out of the Community.

Government amendments had been tabled also to allow 400,000 Servicemen and their wives to vote in person in their units. They were entitled to register but about 300,000 had not done so, and as things stood they would have no vote.

To protests from Opposition MPs, Mr Short added that the Government had found that it would b eimpossible to give the same opportunity to ther British people working abroad, although if they had registered they could vote by proxy.

From the Conservative front bench, Mr Peyton condemned the whole concept of a referendum, which he described as a wretched dodge dreamt up to preserve the unity of the Labour Party without concern for either country or Parliament. Making it clear that several proposals in the Bill will be strongly contested during the committee stage, when Opposition amendments are likely to find support in other parts of the House, Mr Peyton said one of the main battles would be over the provision excluding all possibility of challenging the result of the referendum in court.

Mr Short replied that the Government considered that exclusion of challenge through the courts was essential to prevent frivolous delay, which would have grave economic effects. Mr Peyton, supported by some Labour MPs, said it was a most astonishing, ill advised, vicious and unprecedented proposal. Who was to judge what was frivolous?

It had always been the custom that the courts should interpret the meaning of legislation. It would be a bad precedent for ministers to attempt to set up Parliament as a judge of what it had itself meant. The Opposition would press the matter to a division.

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Students will fight for withdrawal

From David Hencke of
The Times Higher Education Supplement
Llandudno

The National Union of Students voted at its conference at Llandudno yesterday to campaign for Britain's withdrawal from the EEC.

A move by pro-Europeans, led by the Liberal students, to persuade the union to welcome Britain's membership of the Community and campaign for a more democratic Europe was soundly defeated. The vote committing the union to campaign against EEC membership was 240,023 for, 134,081 against, with 84,798 abstentions.

A motion urging the union to remain neutral, proposed by Mr John Evans, of Bradford University, was heavily defeated.

Mr Charles Clarke, the union's new president, said that membership of the EEC was damaging the interests of education.

Mr Howard Smith, from the Architectural Association, said the European Community stood for monopoly capitalism and was against the interests of students and of most people in Britain.

Mr Patrick Coleman, a Liberal from Manchester University Institute of Science and Technology, said the union was taking a nationalist attitude. Living standards would fall and multinational companies would increase their stranglehold on the economy if Britain left Europe.

Mr Heffer waving goodbye to office workers after leaving the Department of Industry yesterday. He was dismissed by Mr Wilson after defying the guidelines on the Cabinet's EEC recommendation.

Analysis of the division on renegotiation White Paper

By Our Political Editor

The following is the analysis of Wednesday's division in the Commons on the Government's motion to approve the EEC renegotiation White Paper (figures include tellers on both sides):

	For	Agst	Absent	Total
Con	249	8	18	275
Lab	137	145	33	315
L	12	0	1	13
SNP	0	13	1	14
UUU	0	6	4	10
Others ..	0	0	2	2
	398	172	59	629

The grand total of 635 members of the House of Commons is completed by adding the Speaker, three neutral occupants of the Chair, Mr Stonehouse, who is in Australia, and Mr William Hamling, whose death created a vacancy at Greenwich, Woolwich, West.

The absent Liberal was Mr Cyril Smith, MP for Rochdale, who was fulfilling a constituency engagement entered into some months ago.

Only eight Conservatives opposed the White Paper. They were:

Mr Bell (Beaconsfield), Mr Biffen (Oswestry), Mr Body (Holland with Boston), Mr A. Clark (Plymouth, Sutton), Mr W. Clark (Hutchison (Tynemouth, South)), Mr Marten (Cranbourn), and Mr E. Taylor (Glasgow, Cathcart).

Mr Moate (Faversham) was one of the Noes' tellers.

Thirty-eight ministers voted against the Government on Wednesday night in the division on Europe, seven of them being Cabinet ministers. Those seven were:

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry; Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services; Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment; Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade; Mr Silkin, Minister for Planning and Local Government; Mr Rose, Secretary of State for Scotland; and Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Energy.

Other ministers who voted against were:

Mr Booth, Minister of State for Employment; Mr Carmichael, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department of the Environment; Mr Cocks, whip; Mr Cox, whip; Mr Clinton Davis, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade; Mr Eadie, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy; Mr Ellis, whip; Mr Fraser, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Employment; Mr Frieson, Minister for Housing and Construction; Mr Gilbert, Financial Secretary; Mr Hamilton, whip; Mr Harrison, Deputy Chief Whip; Mrs Hart, Minister for Overseas Development; Mr Heffer, Minister of State for Industry; Mr Hughes, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Scottish Office; Miss Jackson, whip; Mr Jenkins, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Education and Science; Mr John, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Rgi.; Navy.

Mr Kaufman, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of the Environment; Miss Lestor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office; Mr Mackie, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Industry; Mr Morris, Minister of State for the Civil Service; Mr O'Malley, Minister of State, Department of Health and Social Security; Mr Orme, Minister of State for Northern Ireland; Mr Pendry, whip; Mr Pavitt, whip; Mr Stoddart, whip; Mr Walker, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Employment.

Labour backbenchers who voted against were:

Mr Ashton (Bassetlaw), Mr Atkins (Preston, North), Mr Atkinson (Hastings), Mr Barnett (Greenwich), Mr Bates (Bebington and Ellesmere, Port), Mr Bennett (Stockport, North), Mr Boardman (Leigh), Mr Buchan (Renfrewshire, West), Mrs Butler (Haringey, Wood Green), Mr Callaghan (Middleton and Prestwich), Mr Campbell (Dunbartonshire, West), Mr Carter-Jones (Eccles), Mr Clemitson (Luton, East), Mrs Colquhoun (Northampton, North), Mr Cook (Edinburgh, Central), Mr Corbett (Hemel Hempstead), Mr Cryer (Keighley), Mr Cunningham (Islington, South and Finsbury), Mr Davies (Enfield, North), Mr Davies (Llanelli), Mr Dean (Somerset, North), Mr Dempsey (Coatbridge and Airdrie), Mr Douglas-Mann (Merton, Mitcham and Morden), Mrs Dunnwoody (Crewe), Mr Edge (Aldridge-Brownhills), Mr English (Nottingham, West), Mr Evans (Caerphilly), Mr Evans (Aberdare), Mr Ewing (Stirling, Falkirk and Grangemouth),

Mr Fernyhough (Jarrow), Mr Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Mr Fletcher (Darlington), Mr Forrester (Stoke on Trent, North), Mr Garrett (Wallsend), Mr George (Walsall, South), Mr Gould (Southampton, Test), Mr Gourlay (Kirkcaldy), Mr Harper (Rother Valley), Mr Hatton (Manchester, Moss Side), Mr Hazlet (Sheffield, Heeley), Mr Hoyle (Nelson and Colne), Mr Hockfield (Nuneaton), Dr Hughes (Durham), Mr Hunter (Dunbartonshire, West), Mr Hunter (Dumfries), Sir Arthur Irvine (Liverpool, Edge Hill), Mr Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North), Mr Kelley (Don Valley), Mr Kerr (Hounslow, Feltham and Heston), Mr Kilfedder (Co. Down, North), Mr Lambie (Central Ayrshire), Mr Leonard (Fulham, East), Mr Latham (Twin. & Wrekin), Mr Lewis (Rushcliffe), Mr Lewis (Newham, North West), Mr Lewis (Carlisle), Mr Ginl Linton (Cambuslang), Mr Litterick (Birmingham, Central), Mr Loyden (Liverpool, Garston), Mr McElhone (Glasgow, Queens Park), Mr McMillan (Glasgow, Central), Mr McNamara (Kingston upon Hull, Central), Mr Madden (Skipton), Dr Marshall (Goole), Miss Maynard (Sheffield, Brightside), Mr Mikardo (Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow), Mrs Miller (Redbridge, Ilford North), Dr Miller (East Kilbride), Mr Molloy (Ealing, North), Mr Newens (Harlow), Mr Noble (Rossendale), Mr O'Halloran (Islington, North), Mr Orbach (Stockport, South), Mr Ovenden (Gravesend), Mr Prescott (Kingston-upon-Hull, East), Mr Price (Eltham), Mr Roberts (Richardson (Barking), Mr Roberts (Cannock), Mr Robertson (Paisley), Mr Roderick (Brecon and Radnor), Mr Rogers (Rugby), Mr Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr), Mr Ryman (Blyth), Mr Sedgemore (Luton, West), Mr Selby (Glasgow, Govan), Mr Shaw (Redbridge, Ilford, South), Mrs Short (Wolverhampton, North East), Mr Silverman (Birmingham, Erdington), Mr Skinner (Bolsover), Mr Snape (West Bromwich, East), Mr Springs (St Helens), Mr Stallard (Camden, St Pancras, North), Mr Stott (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mr Swain (Derbyshire, North East), Mr Thomas (Bristol, North West), Mr Thorne (Preston, South), Mr Tierney (Birmingham, Yardley), Mr Torney (Bradford, South), Mr Urwin (Houghton-le-Spring), Mr Watkinson (Gloucestershire West), Mr Welch (Ipswich), Mr Weitzman (Hackney, North and Stoke Newington), Mr Wilson (Hamilton), Mr Wilson (Coventry, South East), Mrs Wise (Coventry, South West), Mr Woof (Blaydon).

The cabinet ministers who voted with the Government were:

Mr Wilson, Mr Callaghan, Mr Crosland, Mr Healey, Mr Jenkins, Mr Lever, Mr Mason, Mr Mellish, Mr Morris, Mr Peart, Mr Prentice, Mr Rees, Mr Short, Mr Samuel Silkin, and Mrs Williams.

Other ministers who voted for were:

Mr Armstrong, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department of Education and Science; Mr Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Mr Bishop, Minister of State, Department of Agriculture; Mr Brown, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Scottish Office; Mr Brown, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Army; Mr Coleman, whip; Mr Dell, Paymaster General; Mr Dunn, whip; Mr Ennals, Minister of State, Foreign Office; Mr Fowler, Minister of State, Privy Council Office, Mr Grant, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Development; Mr Hattersley, Minister of State, Foreign Office; Mr Horrell, Minister of State for the Environment; Mr Jones, Parliamentary Secretary of State for Wales; Mr Lyon, Minister of State, Home Office; Mr Mackenzie, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence; Mr Millan, Minister of State, Scottish Office; Mr Ogden, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Environment; Dr Owen, Minister of State for Health and Social Security.

Mr Price, Parliamentary Secretary for the Privy Council Office; Mr Rodgers, Minister of State for Defence; Mr Rowlands, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales; Mr Sheldon, Minister of State, Treasury; Mr Smith, Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy; Dr Strang, Parliamentary Secretary for Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Dr Summerskill, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs; Mr Williams, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.

Labour backbenchers who voted with the Government were:

Mr Abse (Pontypool), Mr Anderson (Swansea, East), Mr Ashley (Stoke on Trent, South), Mr Bagier (Sunderland, South), Mr Boardman (Leigh), Mr Blenkinsop (Southwark), Mr Bottomley (Teesside, Middlesbrough), Mr Boyden (Bishop Auckland), Mr Bradley (Leicester, East), Dr Bray (Motherwell and Wishaw), Sir Brompton (Batley and Morley), Mr Brown (Hackney, South and Shoreditch), Mr Buchanan (Glasgow, Springburn), Mr Cant (Stoke on Trent, Central), Mr Carter (Birmingham, Northfield), Mr Cartwright (Greenwich, S.E.), Mr Cohen (Leeds, South East), Mr Craigen (Glasgow, Maryhill), Mr Crawshaw (Liverpool, Toxteth), Mr Cronin (Loughborough), Mr Cunningham (Whitehaven), Mr Davies (Gower), Sir Geoffrey de Freitas (Kettering), Capt. Delargy (Thurrock), Mr Doig (Dundee, West), Mr Duffy (Sheffield, Attercliffe), Mr Dunnett (Nottingham, East), Mr Edelman (Coventry, North, West), Mr Ellis (Wrexham), Mr Fitch (Wigan), Mr Ford (Bradford, North), Mr Garrett (Norwich, South), Mr Ginsburg (Dewsbury), Mr Golding (Newcastle under Lyme), Mr Graham (Enfield, Edmonton), Mr Grant (Morpeth), Mr Hamilton (Fife, Central), Mrs Hayman (Welwyn and Hatfield), Mr Horam (Gateshead, West), Mr Hughes (Anglesey), Mr Irving (Dartford), Mr Jackson (Brighouse and Spenborough), Mr Janner (Leicester, West), Mr Johnson (Kingston upon Hull, West), Mr Johnson (Derby, South), Mr Jones (Burnley), Mr Lamborn (Southwark, Peckham), Mr Lamond (Huddersfield, West), Mr Loard (Oxford), Mr Lyons (Bradford, West), Dr Mabon (Greenock and Port Glasgow), Mr MacFarquhar (Leiper), Mr McGuire (Ince), Mr Macintosh (Berwick and East Lothian), Mr Magee (Waltham Forest, Leyton), Mr Mahon (Bootle), Mr Mallalieu (Huddersfield, East), Mr Marks (Manchester, Gorton), Mr Maynard (Ashfield), Mr Mitchell (Southampton, Itchen), Mr Moonman (Basildon), Mr Ogden (Liverpool, West Derby), Mr Padley (Ogmore), Mr Palmer (Bristol, North-East), Mr Parker (Barking, Dagenham), Mr Perry (Wandsworth, Battersea, South), Mr Phipps (Dudley, West), Mr Radice (Chester-le-Street), Mr Roberts (Normanton), Mr Roper (Farnworth), Mr Rose (Manchester, Blackley), Mr Sandelson (Hillingdon, Hayes and Harlington), Mr Small (Glasgow, Carscadden), Mr Stewart (Hammersmith, Fulham), Mr Strauss (Lambeth, Vauxhall), Mr Thomas (Abertillery), Mr Thomas (Newcastle upon Tyne, East), Mr Tinn (Teesside, Redcar), Mr Tomlinson (Meriden), Mr Tomney (Hammersmith, North), Mr Wainwright (Dearne Valley), Mr Walden (Birmingham, Ladywood), Mr Ward (Peterborough), Mr Watkins (Consett), Mr Weitzbeloved (Bexley, Erith and Crayford), Mr White (Camberwell, New), Mr White (Glasgow, Pollok), Mr Whitehead (Derby, North), Mr Whitlock (Nottingham, North), Mr Willey (Sunderland, North), Mr Williams (Havering, Hornchurch), Mr Wrigglesworth (Teesside, Thornaby).

Tellers for the Government: Miss Boothroyd and Mr Harper; for the Noes, Mr Spearing and Mr Moate.

WEST EUROPE

Portuguese parties anger Army leaders

From Nicholas Ashford
Lisbon, April 10

A leading member of Portugal's ruling Armed Forces Movement (MFA) today issued a blunt warning about the movement's dissatisfaction with the 12 political parties which are contesting the elections for a constituent assembly. Commander Jorge Jesuino, the Information Minister, also said that the creation of a political party which was aligned to the MFA would be "very desirable".

The minister's remarks came only hours after the first serious outbreak of political violence in the election campaign. In Beja, a Communist stronghold about 100 miles south-east of Lisbon, the offices of the centre-left Popular Democratic Party were wrecked by left-wing extremists and about 10 party members were injured.

Commander Jesuino was asked at a press conference for foreign journalists whether he felt the armed forces had erred in allowing political parties to become established after the revolution a year ago. He replied: "Yes, we are now feeling that it was a msitake."

He went on: "It seems to us that the political parties are very interested in power and in fighting between themselves." Members of the MFA's general assembly had frequently expressed their displeasure about the in-fighting. He felt that all parties were to blame, but especially those on the extreme left.

Commander Jesuino said it would be "very desirable" to have a civilian party whose aims were basically the same as those of the MFA, although he emphasized that the MFA itself would not become a political party.

The idea of a civilian MFA party has already been floated by Admiral Rosa Coutinho, one of the movement's most powerful members. Although neither Admiral Coutinho nor Commander Jesuino spelt out whether such a party would replace existing political organizations, independent observers had little doubt that this would be the beginning of a one-party system in Portugal.

Commander Jesuino at one stage referred to the "discipline, diligence and punctuality" shown by members of the Communist Party and compared it with the inefficiency usually shown by the non-communist parties.

He said that this often resulted in the Communist Party appearing to be the only party which was cooperating with the MFA. In order not to be accused of complicity with the Communists, in future all his work as a minister would be done without the cooperation of any political party.

Portugal's first free elections for almost 50 years are to take place in two weeks, but their importance has been significantly reduced as a result of the MFA's draft constitution which leaves the armed forces in effective control of the country for the next three to five years. The political parties are due to sign the constitutional proposals tomorrow.

It is now widely accepted that the only value of the elections will be to show the political structure of the country, assuming that they are held in a reasonably free atmosphere.

At his press conference Commander Jesuino said the MFA was advising people who were uncertain which party to support to cast a blank vote. Many people had expressed a desire to vote for the MFA during the "cultural dynamization" campaign which was being carried out by units of the armed forces.

Although this was not possible, he said, it was clear that the movement had the support of the great majority of the population. Some party leaders feel that if large numbers of blank votes are cast this would be taken by the MFA as a vote of confidence.

The election commission issued a warning today that it was considering stopping radio and television broadcasts by some political parties because of their "injurious and defamatory attacks on people and parties" and for "inciting hate and violence".

The wave of arrests which began after the abortive coup on March 17 is continuing. A further 31 people, 28 of them members of the armed forces, have been detained, bringing the total number of arrests during the past month to about 200.

Lisbon, April 10.—Senhor Nuno Rocha, a journalist who was reported yesterday to have been arrested, said today that he had only been questioned for a few hours and was free with out any conditions.—AP.

President Boumodienne of Algeria greets President Giscard d'Estaing on his arrival at Dar el Beida airport to the strains of the "Marseillaise".

M Giscard arrives in Algeria to simple, dignified welcome

From Charles Hargrove
Algiers, April 10

Members of the French colony who lived through the Algerian war must have felt a sharp pang of emotion when, this morning, at Dar el Beida airport, they heard the strains of the "Marseillaise" played for the first time in 13 years at an official ceremony. President Giscard d'Estaing had stepped onto Algerian soil a few moments before, the first French President to do so since independence.

It was an intensely moving moment, even though there was quite evidently a deliberate intention on the Algerian side not to give vent to excessive emotion or exuberance. The official welcome at the airport was simple and dignified: what the head of state of a great and friendly country is accorded automatically, no less and no more. Nothing special was arranged.

When the presidential aircraft landed, a ray of sunshine broke out through the ceiling of dark raincloud, as though to symbolize relations which, for the past 13 years, have blown hot and cold in turn, and seem destined to go on doing so, even if this visit is successful. As a French observer put it to me yesterday, the interests of Algeria are to be on good terms with Europe and particularly with France; but if Algeria wants to maintain its leadership of the non-aligned nations, it must adopt an anti-European stance, off and on.

This was apparent in the multitude of streamers along the route of the presidential procession, only a couple of which concerned relations with France. They read like a précis of Algerian foreign policy, proclaiming: "Solidarity of the Third World", "Just prices for raw materials", "Oil, essential element of national sovereignty".

President Giscard d'Estaing shook his host warmly by the hand. President Boumedienne said simply: "I welcome you to Algeria". Then both men walked over to a dais where the red-coated band of the People's Army, together with a detachment of the Republican Guard in smart blue and grey uniforms, played the national anthems of the two countries, while a 21-gun salute boomed out in the distance.

The French President, in a brief speech, said: "Historic France salutes independent Algeria. It would not be in accordance either with the consideration due to the Algerian people or to the respect due to the French people to appear to forget the period when our histories were closely bound.

"I think today our peoples work together. They exercise international responsibilities. They share each in their way in the search for a new world economic order, based on dignity, equality, justice and understanding, of which my meeting with President Boumedienne is the symbol, and, in some ways, an example.

"To this land of Algeria, to which we look from across the Mediterranean, to this city of Algiers, of which one sees the white shimmer from afar, as in days of old from the sea, to the Algerian people, I bring the salute of France."

The key to the carefully prepared welcome for the French President—which apparently was the subject of long deliberation in the Algerian Cabinet—is given a leading article in *El Moujahid*, the official organ of the National Liberation Front, the state party.

The Algerian people, it said, greeted M Giscard d'Estaing as "a distinguished and welcome guest". It continued: "History and progress require relations of friendship and cooperation among all peoples, including Algeria and France. Without ever disowning or forgetting the past, the Algerians are resolutely turned to the future."

Swiss accused of stealing arms for terrorists

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, April 10

Five members of a gang alleged to have raided Swiss military ammunition depots and supplied terrorist groups in other countries are being held by the Zurich authorities.

They are accused of a series of thefts from isolated depots between June, 1972 and April last year.

Mr Rudolf Gerber, federal prosecutor general, told a Zurich press conference today that the people arrested on March 26 were three young Swiss, one of them a girl, and two West German women. The eldest, Miss Petra Krause, aged 36, carrying false identity papers, is suspected of directing the gang.

He said he was also wanted by Italian police in connexion with a fire at the International Telephone and Telegraph building in Milan. She was thought to have arranged the purchase of firearms for foreign terrorist groups.

Items stolen from depots included guns and pistols, 162 hand-grenades, 260 anti-personnel mines, and 24 anti-tank mines, one of which was later used in an abortive attempt to blow up a Zurich office building. A few of the stolen items were recovered in Switzerland. Others were seized in police raids on anarchist or terrorist groups in West Germany, Italy and Spain.

Officials said later that Miss Krause, who holds German and Italian nationality, had been hidden for several weeks in the Zurich library of the Swiss Workers Movement. They believed she had had frequent contact with members of the Baader-Meinhof group in Germany and the Red Brigade in Italy.

According to police, plans for a raid on a Swiss arsenal were found among the gang's papers and detailed information on the movements of the Shah of Iran during his recent stay at St Moritz.

Training of police criticized over Paris killing

From Richard Wigg
Paris, April 10

Two French police professional organizations today blamed "insufficient training" of policemen after Tuesday's killing of a commercial traveller who innocently drove into a police trap set in Paris for blackmailers.

The National Union of Plain-clothes Policemen said it had often protested to the Government, demanding that basic training be increased from four to six months, although police schools in France would not be able to cope with that for two years, it added.

The press, continuing to criticize M Michel Poniatowski, Minister of the Interior, claimed today that Inspector Michel Voignier, the principal among the three policemen charged with the killing, had less than a year's service.

Economic crisis delays Italian colour television

From Our Correspondent
Rome, April 10

Italians have been told that they will not be able to have colour television until the national economic situation improves. The announcement was made by Signor Orlando, the Minister for Post and Telecommunications.

The choice of the West German PAL system, expected to be made final by the Government's economic planning committee later this month, did not mean that colour transmission would begin immediately. Signor Orlando told the Senate: "That can only take place when the present economic difficulties have eased and then only slowly and prudently so as to avoid excessive consumer spending", he said.

There have been strong demands, mainly from industry, for colour transmissions immediately and protests, primarily from politicians and trade unionists, that it would encourage spending on an unnecessary luxury in the midst of the economic crisis.

French shoppers expose stores' prices claims

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, April 10

Chain stores and supermarkets in France are likely to indulge much less in advertising campaigns with old, familiar slogans like "You cannot beat *our* bargains anywhere", or "We go *further* in cutting prices".

The president and director general of one of France's well-known chain stores, Saveco, has just been charged by the Versailles public prosecutor with indulging in "fraudulent publicity". The proceedings were started after officials of the fraud squad of the Ministry of Economics had looked into complaints against the company by consumer protection groups in Saint-Quentin, just outside Paris, and Auxerre in Burgundy.

The consumer groups maintain that the chain store had first claimed fraudulently that its prices were "impossible" to beat at rival stores and later changed this to "very difficult" to beat.

France's equivalent of the British Trade Descriptions Act, being used in the Saveco case, turns out to be the so-called "Royer law" of December, 1973, which was named after President Pompidou's Minister of Commerce, and widely regarded as a shopkeepers' charter.

One of its little heeded clauses, doubtless inserted by the small shopkeepers' lobby as a weapon in the unending fight against "cut price" chain stores, has been pounced upon by consumer protection groups.

The National Institute of Consumers, a Government-sponsored body, has a working party studying the application of this fraudulent publicity clause. Representatives of the ministry's fraud squad and its prices division, as well as of the Ministry of Justice, are cooperating.

Increased consumer resistance was shown recently by the interest aroused when a pharmacist published a popularly priced "Guide to 100 of the Most Used Medicines", which sold like hot cakes. A group of pharmaceutical firms, stung by the criticisms of their products in a language comprehensible to laymen, have taken the author and his publishers to court.

Lisbon's ambivalence over squatters

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, April 10

Squatters are becoming one of the Portuguese Government's domestic headaches. Hundreds of buildings all over the country have been occupied by homeless people and political groups, and the Government is hovering between imposing sanctions and some form of legalization of occupancy.

The problem began after the April 25 revolution last year when dwellers in the shanty towns round Lisbon and other cities occupied half-finished housing projects, moving in in their scores. The internal military policing force, Copcon, could not dislodge them.

The fever grew. Soon political parties were taking over unoccupied buildings in Lisbon as headquarters. Families were moving into empty flats. Semi-political organizations were turning unused clinics into people's hospitals, luxury clubs into creches, mansions into old folks' homes.

In some cases, negotiations have taken place with proprietors and rent offered. One of the latest "occupations" is that by the staff of Lisbon's rheumatology institute, which has taken over a seven-storey building in the city. The staff had been dealing with the problems of 40,000 sufferers from inadequate headquarters.

Already the Government has taken steps to combat the housing shortage. Any house or flat to rent which is not inhabited within 60 days must be let at a reduced rate that a registered homeseeker can afford. However, a law is also to be published providing for fines for illegal occupation. It is feared that the occupation of half-finished buildings where water, light and sanitation have not been laid on, may produce health and other social problems, as well as loss for owners.

The case of several hundreds of dwellers in a Lisbon shanty town whose homes were destroyed by fire recently is being taken into official consideration. Illegal occupation of buildings by some of the burned-out families will be dealt with under the proposed legalization of occupancies.

Heliport built at Pope's summer home

From Our Correspondent
Rome, April 10

A small heliport has been built inside the grounds of the Pope's summer residence at Castel Gandolfo, in the Alban Hills outside Rome, according to the new pontifical yearbook.

It was built mainly to enable the Pope to avoid the Roman traffic jams when travelling between Castel Gandolfo and the Vatican, it said.

Among other domestic details disclosed by the yearbook was the arrival at Castel Gandolfo of a Frisian bull to improve the quality of the domestic stock.

MAN IN REBELLION AGAINST GOD

THE MEN AND WOMEN PORTRAYED HERE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO UPHOLD GOD'S PRINCIPLES. HAVE WE FORGOTTEN THIS GREAT SPIRITUAL HERITAGE TODAY?

Lord Shaftesbury
Christian Social Reformer

THE NEGLECT OF GOD'S PRINCIPLES

JESUS COMMANDED US TO LOVE THE LORD GOD WITH ALL OUR HEART, MIND, AND SOUL. BUT MAN LOVES HIS ART, MUSIC, SPORTS, HOBBIES, OWN BELIEFS, POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES, ETC., BEFORE GOD. THE RESULT IS THAT HIS CULTURAL HABITS NO LONGER INSPIRE HIM TO BUILD A WORLD OF INCREASING BEAUTY AND HARMONY. THE PURITY OF GOD, THE INNOCENCE OF CHILDREN, THE BEAUTY OF MODESTY, ARE SACRIFICED TO A NEW GOD—KNOWLEDGE. THIS NEW GOD SAYS YOU MUST GIVE PEOPLE ALL THE KNOWLEDGE THERE IS, WITHOUT TEACHING THEM GOD'S PRINCIPLES OF TRUE LOVE, WITH THE RESULT THAT INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED FORMS OF EVIL, POLITICAL VIOLENCE, ARTISTIC VIOLENCE AND CRUDITY AND LITERARY BASENESS ARE COMMONPLACE. FOR EXAMPLE, MOB VIOLENCE AT SPORTING EVENTS HAS BECOME ALMOST A WEEKLY OCCURRENCE.

A NATION IN REBELLION AGAINST GOD

—"LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION" ALMOST EVERY ADVERT IN THE LAND PORTRAYS TEMPTATION. THE RISE IN CRIME, IN VIOLENCE, IN SEXUAL DISORDER, CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT PARLIAMENT FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS, HAS ALLOWED A WORLD OF TEMPTATION TO APPEAR. IT HAS NEGLECTED ITS CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY, MOCKING THE WORDS OF THE LORD'S PRAYER.

A PARLIAMENT IN REBELLION AGAINST GOD

IN A STARVING WORLD IT BEHOVES EVERY GOVERNMENT TO PRODUCE AS MUCH FOOD AS POSSIBLE THAT ALL MAY SHARE THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S BOUNTIFUL CREATION. THE NEGLECT OF THE PRIMARY PRODUCERS, THE FARMERS AND FISHERMEN, IF CONTINUED, WILL CAUSE THE BREAK-UP OF OUR NATION. GOD DOES NOT BLESS STUPIDITY. NO SCOTTISH OR WELSH FARMER OR FISHERMAN CAN SUPPORT CONTINUED STUPIDITY. IF WEST-MINSTER IS INEPT, THEY WILL LOOK ELSEWHERE. A PARLIAMENT WHICH IGNORES GOD WILL DIVIDE THE NATION.

EDUCATION

GOD'S PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS. CHILDREN SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO LOVE THE CREATION BECAUSE IT BELONGS FIRST TO GOD. WE ARE MERELY THE GUARDIANS OF IT WHILE WE ARE ON EARTH. THERE-FORE, WHILE THINGS ARE GIVEN TO US TO USE AND TO LOVE, WE MUST LOVE EVERYTHING FROM GOD'S VIEWPOINT, EVEN OUR OWN CAR. IF WE MISTREAT IT WE ARE MISTREATING A PART OF THE CREATION.

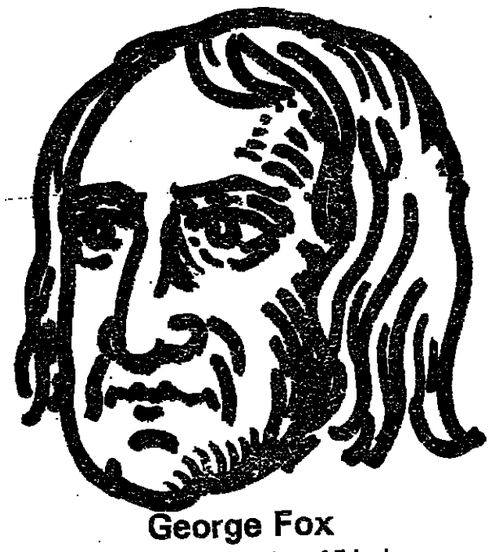
A REALISTIC TEACHING OF GOD'S PRINCIPLES IN SCHOOLS WOULD REDUCE VANDALISM, CLASS AND RACIAL HATRED, FOOTBALL RIOTS AND OTHER VIOLENCE. UNFORTUNATELY IN A MATERIALISTIC AGE, THE DEBATE ON EDUCATION, CARRIED OUT IN PARLIAMENT NEGLECTS THE SPIRIT. THE SPIRIT OF A SCHOOL IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ITS PHYSICAL STRUCTURE. A GOOD SCHOOL CAN BE A VILLAGE SCHOOL, A SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOL, A GRAMMAR SCHOOL, A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL OR A PUBLIC SCHOOL. A BAD SCHOOL CAN EQUALLY WELL BE ANY OF THESE. THE PROBLEM IS THE QUALITY OF LOVE AND INSPIRATION BETWEEN TEACHER AND PUPIL. THAT CANNOT BE CREATED BY LEGISLATION.

SOCIETY

CIVILIZATION IS A LIVING THING, A SPIRITUAL REALITY. LOVE, CARE, CONSIDERATION, RESPECT FOR OTHERS, ARE ETERNAL VALUES. UNSELFISH ACTIVITY STIMULATES OUR ADMIRATION. THE LATE SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL, WHEN ONCE MAKING AN AWARD TO A LIFEBOAT CREW, SPOKE IN THIS WAY. HE SAID THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE COURAGE OF MEN LIKE THESE, WHO LEFT THE SECURITY OF FAMILY AND HOME AND RISKED THEIR LIVES TO SAVE OTHERS, THEN YOU KNOW THAT MEN ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD.

TODAY OUR GREAT CHRISTIAN HERITAGE LIES IN RUINS, FORGOTTEN. THE VERY MEN ENTRUSTED TO UPHOLD IT, HAVE FORGOTTEN THEIR OWN HERITAGE. IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT THE FOUNDERS OF ALL THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES IN OUR PARLIAMENT WERE GOD-FEARING MEN. NOW, IN MANY OF THE SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE THROUGHOUT OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IT IS TAUGHT THAT GODLESS MEN LIKE MARX AND ENGELS ARE THE GREAT SOCIAL SCIENTISTS. GOD IS LEFT OUT NO-ONE LOOKS AT GOD'S HISTORY, AT HOW HIS SPIRIT HAS BEEN WOVEN INTO HISTORY. THIS ONCE GREAT CHRISTIAN NATION HAS FORGOTTEN ITS OWN PAST. A GODLESS HISTORY, A GODLESS PARLIAMENT, CAN ONLY CREATE A BARBARIC AND CHAOTIC SOCIETY. THIS NATION MUST RETURN TO GOD. THAT IS GOD'S WILL AND YOUR DITY. WRITE TO BOX NO. 1183 D, THE TIMES.

Florence Nightingale
Mother of Modern Nursing



George Fox
Founder of the Society of Friends

John Bunyan
Preacher & Author of 'Pilgrim's Progress'

General Booth
Founder of the Salvation Army

Thomas More
Champion of the Individual Conscience

Baden Powell
Founder of the World-wide Scout Movement

John Wesley
Led the Great Methodist Revival

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

OVERSEAS

Britain urges US to allow Concorde flights to New York

From Fred Emery
Washington, April 10

On the eve of public hearings over a controversial federal decision to permit regular Concorde flights to Washington and New York next year, the British Government has made representations to the United States Government, it is learnt.

Showing concern that New York port authorities might prevent flights to Kennedy airport, the British Government sought to emphasize that political factors were involved as well as the environmental problems which are concerning various American opposition groups.

Senior American officials were told that British public opinion, after so much taxpayers' money had been spent on Concorde, might take offence if New York kept Concorde out. A ban could lead to calls for retaliatory action.

It is not clear what this implied, but under aviation agreements it seems action could theoretically be taken against American carriers serving Britain.

The Administration is aware of the problem. Officials of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have already expressed confidence that an "international incident" can be averted. The problem is that they have no control over the situation.

The FAA controls John Foster Dulles Airport outside Washington but has no control over the New York authorities. Kennedy airport also has more stringent noise and emission controls than the FAA.

British officials insist Concorde can meet the Kennedy standards and that representatives of the British Aircraft Corporation and Sud Aviation will prove it at the hearings, opening next Monday.

Another problem is that so many political figures in New York have committed themselves against Concorde before hearing the evidence. They will now be asked to look at the evidence and consider the political factors.

In Washington the regional planning body, known impressively as the Metropolitan Council of Governments, has gone on record with a vote against Concorde landing at Dulles. It demanded that Concorde meet standards required of subsonic airliners noting that the FAA had raised the possibility that foreign policy considerations would take *precedence over environmental concerns.*

When the hearings open in Washington there will be at least 35 petitioners against Concorde, including many of the councils from the counties under the flight path. But it is only New York that really matters.

Senior diplomats are confident that after a lot of human noise Concorde will be allowed in, but it may be a close-run thing.

Members of the South Vietnam police field force taking part yesterday in house-to-house fighting in Long An.

Students condemn baby airlift

From David Hencke
Times Higher Education Supplement
Llandudno

The airlift of orphans from Vietnam was condemned yesterday by the National Students Union, and by a North Vietnamese guest speaker to the union's conference here, Mr Lai Van Ngoc, a chargé d'affaire in Britain for the North Vietnamese Government.

Mr Lai Van Ngoc was given a standing ovation after he condemned what he called "the kidnapping of Vietnamese children to capitalist countries including the United States, Britain and Australia".

This, he said, had been used "to stir up human emotions to cover up the callous and materialistic nature of the administration". He added that *the South Vietnamese people* were being forcibly evacuated, and described the refugee problem as "a shameless plot and another crime of the United States imperialists".

The conference agreed to send a telegram to Mr Wilson asking him to recognize the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam.

Mr Steve Parry, national secretary, told the conference: "We want an end to the baby-snatching and baby-stealing that is taking place now by the United States, the *Daily Mail*, and other reactionary groups."

Paris: The Vietcong accused the United States today of aiding the Saigon regime in evacuating forcibly large numbers of South Vietnamese and kidnapping thousands of South Vietnamese children.

Geneva: The Rev Ernest Fogg, executive director of the Fund for Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Indo-China, said in an interview today: "The most trying problem facing those trying to help is the use of refugees and orphans as pawns in a continuing war of propaganda."

The International Red Cross said that in response to its Vietnam appeal two weeks ago, some £3.8m had been donated by 20 countries.

Phnom Penh: Plans are being made to fly hundreds of Cambodian orphans to America and Australia in spite of criticism from United States' diplomats that the baby airlifts are "a phoney emotional issue".

Vietcong confused by speed of advance

Saigon, April 10.—Refugees from areas of South Vietnam occupied by the communists in the last month report that there have been only a few known executions of Saigon officials. But they say the communists have moved quickly to round up all senior army and Government officers.

According to the refugees, the communists often appeared to be surprised by the speed of the Government's collapse and in many instances were not prepared to assume the full tasks of local administration.

The communists, usually led by only small numbers of young North Vietnamese soldiers, have mostly succeeded in restoring order, getting water and electricity running again and taking censuses.

In addition, the refugees report, the communists have ordered students in occupied areas to go back to school, take political indoctrination courses and report on family members or neighbours who worked for the Saigon regime.

This picture of life in the two-thirds of South Vietnam that suddenly fell to the communists since their offensive began on March 8, was pieced together from refugees who have escaped from such cities as Hue and Quang Ngai in the north, Tuy Hoa and Nha Trang on the central coast and Ban Me Thuot and Pleiku in the central highlands.

In almost every instance the refugees said, local citizens long associated with the Vietcong have been appointed to new jobs in the communist civil administration.

The refugee accounts also suggested that the communists *have been able to set up new* governments fastest where they had long had strong local sympathy and guerrilla organizations.

Although there have been rumours in Saigon that the communists have executed a number of Saigon officials, few refugees interviewed in the past several days could confirm this.

A South Vietnamese major who escaped from Hue, where a mass grave containing the bodies of 3,000 people was found after the communist Tet lunar New Year offensive in 1968, said there had been no similar reprisals there this time, so far as he knew.—New York Times News Service.

New York banana bribe scandal spreads to Italy

From Peter Strafford
New York, April 10

United Brands, a huge American conglomerate with interest in bananas, paid out $750,000 (over £30,000) to officials in Italy in addition to bribing the President of Honduras, *The Wall Street Journal* asserted today. These payments, the newspaper said, had been made in order to secure "favourable business opportunities".

Today's report follows the allegations made yesterday that United Brands paid a bribe of $1,250,000 to General Oswaldo Lopez, the Honduras President, and promised him a further payment of the same amount. A similar allegation was made in a legal suit against the corporation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Altogether, the commission charged, United Brands had paid out $2m over a five-year period, $1,250,000 to officials in Honduras and $750,000 to officials in an unnamed European country.

Rome, April 10.—A spokesman for the Italian subsidiary of United Brands said today that the parent company has denied allegations that it paid $750,000 to bribe officials "anywhere in the Western hemisphere".—AP.

Saudi Arabia looks to the West

by David Spanier
Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Towards the West: friendship and discussion, but no reduction in oil prices. Towards Israel: hostility and insistence on Palestinian rights, but support for Dr Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State.

These are the main lines of the new Saudi Arabian Government's policy under King Khalid, summed up by the word "*Continuity*". *In an effort to* improve relations with the West, a Saudi Arabian delegation is in London this week, to pass on the message of continuity. Other delegations are visiting the United States, France and West Germany.

Dr Ghazi al-Gosaibi (Cairo University, University of Southern California and London University), who has deputy ministerial rank, and Shaikh Abdullah Alireza (Harrow, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, and University of California), who is Saudi Arabian delegate to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), displayed a firm grasp of modern *economic problems when they* met the press, to answer questions on Saudi Arabian foreign affairs.

"The loss of King Faisal, sad policies initiated by his Majesty," Dr al-Gosaibi said. "We can assure all friends of Saudi Arabia that his wise *policies will not be affected by* his untimely and tragic death."

Shaikh Alireza made it clear that he does not expect to see any reduction in actual oil prices. As a result of inflation in the West, however, oil was bound to become relatively cheaper, he said. "We believe the *sudden* increase in oil *prices was not beneficial*", he said.

"But that was not due to us. It created a shockwave and may have contributed towards recession in the West. And for us the instant cash flow of large proportions created the problem of recycling, so-called. We believe prices should go up, but gradually."

The problem of recycling works both ways". Shaikh Alireza pointed out. For instance, Saudi Arabia wants to buy more railway carriages, but they cannot be delivered for three years. "We cannot spend our surplus. The problem is not only for you, but for us also."

The price of oil, in Shaikh Alireza's view, must be related to the cost of developing alternative sources of energy. Once that cost was established, the price of oil could be determined. But, unless alternative energy sources were found, there would be two crises, one now and one when oil reserves were run down in the future.

A second aspect was the importance of oil for many other products. The wasteful use of oil for energy must be cut down, by administrative means and through making it more expensive.

"We must find", he summed up, "an equitable relationship between raw materials, goods and services, and the cost of money. We believe the international energy conference should discuss these matters."

Turning to the Middle East, Dr Al-Gosaibi said that in the Saudi Arabian view peace depended on two things: the return by Israel of all occupied Arab lands to the Arab countries; and a just solution to the Palestinian problem. Israel's survival was not the issue. The fate of the Palestinian people was the issue. Any solution acceptable to them would be satisfactory to Saudi Arabia.

As for Dr Kissinger's mediation, Saudi Arabia would encourage any moves that gave hope of peace, whether a *step-by-step approach or an overall* plan. If Dr Kissinger felt justified in resuming his negotiations, Saudi Arabia would support the move.

Evidence in Connally case baffles judge

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, April 10

The last of the spectacular criminal trials of the Nixon administration, in which the former Secretary of the Treasury, Mr John Connally, is accused of accepting bribes has sunk into a paralysing argument over dates on banknotes.

The money lies in court and a series of witnesses from the various departments involved in printing and distributing money try to explain to the court why the dates on the notes do not mean what they appear to mean.

It is all very confusing. One witness explained that the letter "C" under the figure of Mr George Shultz meant that he was the fourth Secretary of the Treasury to sign that series of bills. "I don't understand all this", complained the judge. "Bless me . . . I don't."

He is Judge George Hart, chief judge of the district court, who succeeded Judge John Sirica when he reached the age limit. The post goes in order of seniority and in no way reflects the ability or repute of its holder.

This morning the prosecution improved the judge's, and probably the jury's, *understanding* of the case by producing officers from each of the 12 districts of the Federal Reserve Board, who distribute banknotes. They explained that every one of the banknotes found in Mr Jake Jacobsen's safe deposit box was in circulation in October, 1973, when he claimed that he gave $5,000 (£2,085) to Mr Connally.

Mr Jacobsen was the lawyer for the milk cooperative which agreed to show its appreciation of Mr Connally's efforts to raise the support price of milk by giving him $15,000. Mr Jacobsen claims that he passed on $10,000 to Mr Connally, but cannot remember what happened to the remaining $5,000.

The defence bases its case on questioning Mr Jacobsen's honesty. It argues that he embezzled the money and worries over dates on banknotes do not add very much to the case. Mr Connally himself will take the stand when the prosecution is finished, either tomorrow or on Monday.

The prosecution completed its case today.

African states favour more pressure on Mr Vorster

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, April 10

The Organization of African Unity ministerial conference in Dar es Salaam, was expected in its closing stages today to produce strong agreement among the African nations for increased economic and political pressure against South Africa. It is not expected to close the door completely on further dialogue if this is likely to bring real moves for racial equality there.

The hawks have spoken with a strong voice. One, Uganda, says that now is the time to intensify the armed struggle in southern Africa. Lieutenant-Colonel Juma Oris, the acting Ugandan Foreign Minister, said: "There is no way for liberation except *armed struggle. The whole of* Africa is duty bound to give all necessary support for armed struggle".

Tanzania has again had great influence on the conference. Mr John Malecela, its Foreign Minister, while proposing stronger economic sanctions, urged that no opportunity be lost to bring about changes in South Africa's racial policies. If this could be done peacefully, so much the better.

He called for a total oil embargo against South Africa, a [illegible] supported by Nigeria, Africa's biggest oil producer, and he suggested new economic sanctions in the form of a levy on all workers from African countries who go to work in the South African mines.

The OAU should also assist in establishing underground organizations inside South Africa to carry on the campaign there, he added.

Out of this complex pattern of suggestions and counter-suggestions, final resolutions were emerging late tonight. They should give some heart to South Africa if they do not reject further dialogue, but they can leave no doubt of increasing African pressure on Mr Vorster for a faster evolution of his country's racial policies.

Dar es Salaam, April 10.—Rhodesia's united nationalist movement, the African National Council (ANC) today opened an office in Dar es Salaam in the presence of the four signatories of the Lusaka unity pact.

The ANC's Dar es Salaam office will replace those in Tanzania of the other three Rhodesian African nationalist groups which agreed to merge with it at a meeting in Lusaka last December.—Reuter.

Chilean Cabinet resigns in face of economic crisis

From Florencia Varas
Santiago, April 10

The Chilean Cabinet has presented its resignation to General Pinochet, who became President in 1973 as leader of the military coup which overthrew the left-wing government of Dr Allende.

The 21 ministers, 18 of whom are members of the armed forces and police, said they wished to give General Pinochet absolute liberty of action to deal with the difficult economic situation. A new Cabinet will be announced on Monday.

Chile this year is facing a balance of payments deficit of some £600m, largely because of the low price of copper, its main export. Foreign debt stands at some £2,000m and the rate of inflation has exceeded 60 per cent over the first three months of the year.

It has been suggested that the Government could follow the advice of Dr Milton Friedmann, of the Chicago monetarist school of economics, who visited Santiago a few days ago, and recommended a drastic reduction in Government expenditure, and wholesale dismissals of state-employed workers.

In a country with an unofficial unemployment rate of almost 18 per cent such policies would have enormous social consequences and make conditions even more difficult for the lower-income groups, whose voice is gradually being heard again.

Uganda 'ready to pay Britain compensation'

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, April 10

Uganda has made arrangements for paying compensation to British companies and nationals whose property was taken over during the 1972 and 1973 "economic war". General Idi Amin told Mr James Hennessy, the acting British High Commissioner in Kampala today.

But, the General added, Mr Wilson must come to Kampala first for final discussions. He gave no hint of the amount involved in Uganda's calculations.

Mr Ishengoma, Uganda's *acting High Commissioner in London*, was present at the meeting. General Amin has cabled Mr Wilson confirming his of his decision and asking him to appoint Mr Hennessy as High Commissioner. The position has been vacant for some time.

"We are not bankrupt", the General said, "and are ready to pay compensation, as I promised.

Demonstrations in London bring Soviet protest

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Nicolai Lunkov, the Soviet Ambassador, has made a formal complaint to the Foreign Office over anti-Soviet demonstrations in London. The complaint, which he delivered in person last Friday and which was followed up by a Note, did not refer specifically to the treatment given Mr Shelepin.

The latter's recent visit here, however, might have something to do with Mr Lunkov's choosing this time to make his *country's views on demonstration* known.

It is understood the complaint refers to anti-Soviet demonstrations outside the Russian Embassy. Since last May Jewish demonstrators, Ukrainians, and others have been continually protesting outside the Embassy.

The Foreign Office will reply to Mr Lunkov in due course.

Runaway MP's daughter on Mauritius flight

By A Staff Reporter

Miss Jane Stonehouse, the daughter of Mr John Stonehouse, the runaway MP, is reported to have left Australia for Mauritius. She is believed to be carrying letters to senior officials in the Mauritius Government from her father asking for asylum and travel documents. A report has been sent to Scotland Yard through Interpol.

According to the Melbourne *Sun*, Miss Stonehouse, aged 23, left Sydney airport on Wednesday in the company of a man described by her mother as her "luscious boy friend".

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr Phillip Whitehead, Labour MP for Derby North, said there was a real possibility that the electors of Mr Stonehouse's constituency, Walsall North, might be effectively disenfranchised for more than a year because legal proceedings involving Mr Stonehouse might go on for many months.

Forces chief ousted after coup attempt in Chad

Ndjamena, April 10.—President Tombalbaye has appointed Captain Ngu lt-Abaye Kagbe as new commander of Chad's national gendarmerie to replace Colonel Djimet, who was arrested last Thursday after a shooting at Gendarmerie headquarters here, official sources said last night.

In the incidents, three Frenchmen serving in the President's own security force were shot and seriously wounded by two prisoners who managed to disarm their guard. The prisoners were said to be members of the Chad Liberation Front (Frolinat) and to have been aided by Colonel Djimet's deputy, Major Kottega, who was alleged to be a member of Frolinat.

The President has since criticized the Army for being what he called a "state within the state" and promised radical changes in the security forces "starting at the top".

After a "march of support" yesterday for President Tombalbaye in which more than 15,000 people paraded through the streets of Ndjamena, he has received several messages of support, notably from Chad's ambassadors in Switzerland and the Soviet Union.—Agence France-Presse.

Cairo, April 10.—Mr Marwan Haimari, the Chad Ambassador in Cairo, said today that the *situation in Chad* had become normal again after an abortive coup attempt engineered "from outside the country" and carried out by some officers.

Sikkim MPs vote to abolish monarchy and join India

From Our Correspondent
Delhi, April 10

The Sikkim legislative assembly voted today in favour of *abolishing the monarchy and* seeking full Indian statehood for the Himalayan kingdom.

The resolution passed by the assembly at an emergency session in Gangtok puts pressure on the Chogyal (ruler) to abdicate as does a letter sent to him by Mr Y. B. Chavan, the Indian Foreign Minister.

Mr Chavan told the Chogyal, who has been at loggerheads with his Chief Minister, that he had failed to "show understanding and keep pace with the march towards democratization".

Sikkim was an Indian *protectorate until the middle of last* year when as a result of a resolution passed by the assembly Delhi made it an "associate" state and gave it representation in the Indian Parliament.

Mrs Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, has assured the Chief Minister of her full support for the elected representatives, "especially when the preservation and strengthening of democratic government and the welfare of the people of Sikkim are concerned".

The process of removing the Chogyal may be halted if he gives an undertaking that he will act *only as a constitutional head* of state. But the way he is reported to have armed his palace guards offers little hope of a reconciliation between him and his Chief Minister.

Indian troops stationed in Sikkim disarmed the palace guards yesterday and are now guarding the Chogyal's palace.

The Chogyal is reported to have been asked by telephone to order his men to lay down their arms, but he replied: "I will never instruct them to do so."

In an exchange of fire one guard was killed. Four other guards and an Indian soldier were injured.

Latest reports from Gangtok say that the situation there is tense. Groups of people are in the streets, shouting slogans such as "Chogyal leave Sikkim".

The assembly decided that the resolution calling for the abolition of the institution of Chogyal be put before the public on Mouday for its endorsement.

Residential property

Old houses provide a puzzle

Few old country houses have escaped extension or alteration during their long lives, and one of the pleasantest features of such houses is the puzzle they set in deciding what parts were added and when. The changes may have been recorded, a help to the amateur historian interested in his own home, but many were haphazard and unrecorded, and often the whole structure has weathered into a single whole, which complicates matters.

Langsat House, at Swalcliffe, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, originally a vicarage, was probably mainly constructed towards the end of the eighteenth century or early in the nineteenth, yet parts at the rear are obviously much older, and others may date from the latter part of the nineteenth century. It is a fine family house, with three reception rooms, a games room 30ft long, a main bedroom suite, and five further bedrooms. A detached stable block has planning permission for conversion to a single dwelling, and there is a lodge cottage. The whole property is for sale at about £60,000 through Chamberlaine-Brothers and Edwards, of Cheltenham.

Then there is Bransbury Mill, on the river Dever near Barton Stacey, Winchester, an older house rebuilt in 1760 and extended in 1905. There are two main reception rooms, a study, six bedrooms and a dressing room. The river, in which there is good fishing, runs the length of the garden, and the whole property covers about 20 acres. The price is £80,000, through John D. Wood and Co, of Southampton.

Somewhere about the same price is expected for Woolbeding Glebe, Midhurst, Sussex, which stands beside the Rother and has National Trust property on three sides of it. The original house, stone-built in the Queen Anne style, was constructed in 1747 and extensively rebuilt in 1877, though retaining much of its original elegance. Originally a rectory, it remained so until 1940. There are a fine central hall, three reception rooms, a breakfast room, six bedrooms and a dressing room. Gardens and grounds include two staff cottages, and the whole property extends to 28 acres, of which 21 acres of agricultural land is let. Unless sold previously it will be auctioned in June, as a whole or in four lots, by Jackson-Stops and Staff, of Midhurst and London.

Another property adjacent to National Trust land is Parc Venton, at Helston, Cornwall. Built in 1805 as a hunting lodge for the Duke of Leeds, it is in an elegant Georgian stone-built house with a pillared entrance portico, and has a grade II listing as being of special interest. Accommodation includes three main reception rooms, a conservatory and six bedrooms. Gardens and grounds run to about seven acres, of which about an acre is a formal garden. The property is for sale at £32,500 through John F. Green, of Penzance. Stables, not included in the sale unless required by a buyer of the main house, have planning permission for conversion into a separate house.

Those who like the Regency style, particularly on not too large a scale, would be interested in Brookbank, Priory Place, Cheltenham, situated in a private cul-de-sac close to the town centre. Notable features include moulded ceiling cornices, good marble fireplaces, and full-height sash windows. There are two main reception rooms, a large breakfast room or playroom, and four bedrooms. A good point for a town house is the integral garage. There is a small front garden, and a flagged and pebbled courtyard at the rear. The price is £28,000, through C. J. Easterbrook and Co. of Cheltenham.

Not far away, at Winstone, near Cirencester, is a pleasant village house called Little Bethlehem. The property is on the edge of the village and is built of Cotswold stone with a slate roof. Adjoining is a stone barn. Accommodation consists of two reception rooms and four bedrooms, but planning permission and a set of plans exist for converting the barn to provide further accommodation. Garden and paddock extend to just over three acres. The property is for sale through Rylands and Co, of Cheltenham, at £25,000.

A fine old building, which has seen a lot of history, is Ashe House, at Musbury, near Axminster, Devon, believed to have been the birthplace of John Churchill, the first Duke of Marlborough. It has origins in the fifteenth century, suffered in the Civil War, and was later restored and enlarged. Only about half the fifteenth-century building remains, together with one of two wings added in the seventeenth century. It now has three reception rooms and six bedrooms, with a small guest or staff cottage. Gardens and grounds run to six acres and include a fishpond and water garden possibly about 300 years old, and a small seventeenth-century chapel. Offers of about £80,000 are being asked through Jackson-Stops and Staff, of Yeovil.

Very much the traditional black-and-white country cottage is Woolgars, in the small village of River, near Petworth, Sussex. Basically a seventeenth-century cottage, it is a half-timbered brick-and-stone building, renovated about 10 years ago, and retaining many traditional features, such as exposed oak timbering, an inglenook fireplace and seat, and an old bread oven in the sitting room. Further accommodation includes a dining room, two main bedrooms and a third bedroom or study. The property, for sale at £28,000, is unusually well situated adjoining open farm land, close to the valley of the Lod. The sale is through King and Chasemore, of Petworth.

Gerald Ely

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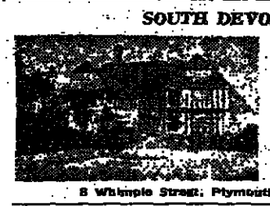

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A new deal for the disabled, but so far it is not enough

For the first time there is under this Government a minister for the disabled and a Cabinet committee concentrating on the welfare of disabled people. Mr Alfred Morris's appointment as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State with this special responsibility naturally and properly received its share of attention. But Cabinet committees by their nature do their work far *away from the public gaze.* Their existence is not even *acknowledged. Mr Morris him*self would not confirm that such a committee had been appointed. All he would say was that "there is now very much closer ministerial coordination on all matters affecting disabled people. I meet regularly with other ministers with responsibilities in this field".

But there unquestionably is such a committee on which the Departments of Employment, Education and Science, and Environment, the Treasury, the Home Office and the Scottish and Welsh Offices are represented, as well as the Department of Health and Social Security. It meets, as one would expect, under Mr Morris's chairmanship.

Like his appointment, the committee's existence can be seen as an indication of the importance attached by the Prime Minister to the problems of disabled people. In some ways even more so, because the appointment of a minister can always be regarded as a public relations gesture. But a Cabinet committee is purely and simply an instrument for getting things done, for coordinating the efforts of different departments in a single direction. If it fails to do that it is nothing. There are no compensating benefits.

But what in fact has been done? *Disabled people may be* grateful for the Prime Minister's concern, even if they are not interested in the machinery of government, but what really matters to them are the results. One can point to a series of small measures where one may presume that the closer coordination brought about by a Cabinet committee *has been effective*—taking VAT off aids and appliances *for disabled people, relieving* drivers of disabled people from road tax, the recent housing circular emphasizing their needs, the *Home Office* circular on making polling stations accessible to them, the award of government money for the founding of a national bureau for the further and higher education of handicapped people, and the firm decision to set up an institute of hearing research.

It would be easy to be disparaging about the limitations of this package and to ignore the help that a number of these initiatives could bring to many disabled people. There is no single panacea for them: what they require is a wider appreciation of their needs in different directions. But it would be equally foolish to pretend that *these measures amount* to a great new programme for *disabled people.*

Talk to Mr Morris and you are likely to be impressed by two things in particular. The first is his overpowering concern for disabled people which bubbles forth in torrents. There are politicians who take up a subject, with more or less enthusiasm only when they are appointed to office. Mr Morris is not one of those. His devotion to this cause is of long standing. He made his political reputation when as a private member he guided his Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Bill on to the Statute Book in 1970. The second point is the extent to which his hands are tied. This is not a good moment to have ministerial responsibilities which demand the expenditure of a good deal of public money.

Some people have suggested that this economic stringency has rendered *his own Act of* 1970 largely ineffective. But Mr Morris does not see it like that. He professes to be extremely pleased with what many local authorities have done in many parts of the country and speaks eagerly, if perhaps somewhat optimistically, of raising all to the level of the best. He denies the oft-*repeated charge that it is* valueless going to elaborate *lengths to find out who* all the disabled are when there are *not enough money and man*power to help those who are *known already.* "*In times of* tight resources", he asks, "*how can you possibly select* the man, the woman, the child *most in need unless you know* all the disabled?"

The logic is irrefutable. But it is a sadly modest justification of the principle embodied in the Act that it is the duty of local authorities to go out and find the disabled, not just wait for them to present themselves.

Lack of money is the obvious explanation for not including disabled people in employment under the provisions of the Social Security Benefits Bill. This omission matters because the demand for a disability pension, for which disabled people at work would be eligible as well as those unfit for any employment, has been a principal objective of champions of the disabled for a good many years now. It was with this goal in mind that the Disablement Income Group was *founded* 10 years ago. So this question is invested with both a symbolic and a practical importance: it is a measure of society's readiness to help disabled people help themselves by earning a living—and many disabled people do need assistance if they are to do so.

Mr Morris's explanation of this gap in the *Bill may seem* a little bland. Disabled people in employment were left out, he said, because of the need for more study and consultation with the interests concerned. But in fact there are a good many practical questions still to be decided. By what definition would payment be made? Would it be according to medical assessment of the degree of disability or to loss of earning power? There could obviously not be just one single level of payment, but how many different degrees of disability should there be for the purposes of such a measure? Mr Morris took the case of a person who was fit to work for only a few days a week. Should a compensating payment be made to the employer or should the employee be subsidized?

At a time like this, when *money is not available for dra*matic improvements, one of *the most useful tasks is to find* the answer to this kind of question. This is *the time to* prepare an administrative system ready for the day when the money flows again. One of *the ironies of Mr Morris's* position is that he should be judged above all by how well he sows what other ministers will later reap.

Geoffrey Smith

When being happy is a matter of life and death

Photograph by Harry Ash

"I don't see why one can't say *something very true about* people and relationships and particularly how people behave under the ultimate stress of death, while using a form which obviously is popular." If the detective story needed any justification this would be P. D. James's *apologia* for writing the sixth of her excellent novels, *The Black Tower*, which Faber will publish on Monday.

While she had always wanted to write, her first novel, *Cover Her Face* (Sphere), appeared only in 1962. "I married very young. The years passed, the war came, and no one was publishing any books, and I had two daughters. When my husband came back from the war he was mentally ill, and I had to settle down to working and supporting the family. I found my contract of service for my first job with the National Health Service the other day. It's dated October 10th, 1949, and they paid me £282 a year, adding that there are no emoluments and all meals taken must be paid for."

P. D. James had always enjoyed detective stories as a brm. "I never liked historical novels or love stories, so I had to write either a very serious novel or a detective story, which I felt I might be able to do as well as some of the others. I think I was attracted by telling a story, and at the same time I felt that one day I really would write that serious novel, but in the meantime a detective story would be much more likely to be accepted, and make some money, and that is the way it turned out. It's a very disciplined form of writing, because one can't be self-indulgent—one has to sort one's thoughts out."

It was a wonderful feeling to have the first book accepted. "It cmes once or twice in life—I really did feel like jumping for jo. The children had read stories of writers papering their bedrooms with rejection slips, and they were extremely disappointed when my book was accepted, straight off!" Now there are four grandchildren—"One loves to see them, and waves them goodbye when one has had enough. Delightful".

The central figure of the James books is Adam Dalgliesh, Chief Detective Inspector when we first meet him, Commander *in the latest book.* He is a widower, a solitary, even melan*choly man, troubled* by bad dreams, tall and good looking, living in a flat at Queenhythe, driving a Cooper Bristol, and rather unwillingly involved in unsatisfactory love affairs. He is unhappy a lot of the time, and writes poetry (two books published). Unlike some fictional detectives, when banged on the head he bleeds, and needs medical attention. "I thought it would be better to have a professional rather than an amateur—there are difficulties in getting them involved in a crime, and if I was going to write realistic books, in real life the police don't welcome enthusiastic amateurs who swan in and solve things—it just doesn't happen. On the other hand, with a professional one can't make it totally realistic either, because real life detection is a matter of team work, and on the whole can be very dull."

"Yes, Dalgliesh is not a happy man. He might be happier if I got him married off, but I rather balk at this. I can't understand it, because on the whole I am a very happy and optimistic person writing books full of death and murder. When I first went to the Home Office in 1968, I worked in the Police Department, and after that my police came a little more up to date. I do try to take quite a lot of trouble about the details—my husband was a doctor, and I used his books for the forensic pathology, though I am not sure if readers mind all that much about details. If there have been mistakes, I don't think anyone has noticed. I am relieved when a book has been out for several months and nothing like that has appeared!"

The backgrounds for *A Mind to Murder* (Penguin) which takes place in a psychiatric clinic, and *Shroud for a Nightingale* (Sphere) which is set in a training college for nurses, have come from her past. "I went to work in the London Skin Hospital (now defunct) in Fitzroy Square. I filed away case records and kept the stamp book—I particularly hated balancing the stamp book. When the auditors came they discovered it hadn't been balanced for *three years* so they took it away to the basement and were there for a very long time, and at the end of it the book balanced exactly right . . . probably a matter of luck! I worked my way up the Health Service and took a diploma of the Institute of Hospital Administrators, and went to the headquarters of the Paddington Group Hospital Committee.

"My last job with the NHS was with the North West Metropolitan Hospital Board. Then I took an open competition for more senior administrators into the administrative side of the Civil Service after my husband died. I couldn't have done it before—he was at home a good deal of the time, and when he died I wanted to do something new, something different. I passed the examination, and came to the Home Office as a Principal, first in the Police Department, and I'm now in the Criminal Department."

In her married name of Phyllis White she is concerned with the Children and Young Persons Act of 1969 in so far as the Home Secretary now has responsibility for it, though a great measure of this has now been transferred to the Department of Health and Social Security.

It is a demanding and fascinating job, and she loves it. But it is also exhausting. "I'm no good in the evenings—I'm too tired to write. But I get up early, and when I have a book on the way I work from seven until eight, and at weekends." This is why there are only six books in 12 years.

"The books can begin either with the fascination of a place, or what I hope is a new and fairly intriguing way of murdering someone, and then the characters develop to fit the scene and the plot. I revise a great deal, and because time is so short, I tend to do a very short holograph notation, really a kind of shorthand, which no one can read but myself, and then put the first draft on tape. This comes back typed, and I revise it completely, and then it goes back for a final typing. I hate cutting anything out once I have written it, though I know that I nearly always write too much.

"I think I find writing more difficult now to fit in, but on the other hand, I am a writer who needs the demands of an outside job, and if I didn't have one, I don't know how it might turn out. I must become more disciplined when I retire, perhaps—in five years' time. Perhaps I shall be driven to killing off my detective, like Freeling *did with van der Valk. I could* develop Cordelia, of course, from *An Unsuitable Job for a Woman*. I enjoyed writing that one. I love Cambridge, and it is marvellous writing about a place you love." Southwold, where she has just bought a house, is the background for *Unnatural Causes* (Sphere) and as for the hospital backgrounds —"Several of my friends now have to be *dragged* into hospital *after reading the books*—really rather a shame.

"It never worries me to describe murder, but I couldn't describe torture—I can't watch it on the screen, or on the TV, and several films I would very much like to see, in particular Ken Russell's films. I know I can't see because he does, I think, indulge himself in a kind of cruelty."

There is, perhaps, a nice balance to be found between *the entertainment, the solution,* and the morality of the detective story. But P. D. James has a down to earth approach. "Murder", she says, "is dealing with real life".

Philippa Toomey

SPORT

Golf

Jack Nicklaus, a determined figure on the first day of the United States Masters. He scored 68.

British destroyed by inward half

From Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent
Augusta, Georgia, April 10

In spite of the most dismal start I can remember from the weather point of view the United States Masters burst into life here today within the first few hours. The good form shown by the best in the weeks leading up to the event was reflected in the positive starts made by Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, and Tom Weiskopf in particular.

The only real disapopintment among them was John Miller, who suffered three shots dropped to par in the first four holes and who was struggling for the rest of the day. Gary Player, whose swollen hand had recovered from what was held to be an allergy from shellfish, dropped a shot at the first hole and followed it with 13 typically dour holes in par.

It was Bobby Nichols who set an early target with a 67, built on an inward half of 33. Not the fiercest of competitors, he is none the less a class player and he finished second in 1967. The key point of his round was the 10th hole, where the long fairway plunges down between the giant pines. He struck a four-iron to eight feet and got the putt down for the first birdie he could remember, making three in 10 tournaments. Nobody makes many there and it gave him a boost.

Another front runner was Allen Miller, known to British audiences in the Benson and Hedges festival where he finished well up. He was out in 33 and would have joined Nichols had he not taken five at the last hole. Adding a certain richness to the top of the field came Casper, portly again but making it all look easy with his two halves of 35. He had one lucky break which gave him his birdie coming in. He went for the carry across the stream at the thirteenth, but only scrambled over it close to the bridge, the ball finished in light rough, from where he chiped it close.

Trevino is, to those who remember his buoyant spirits in Britain, something of a puzzle. He started as quiet as a mouse: no whomps followed him down the first fairway and the press had largely ignored him in the preliminaries. But he had three consecutive birdies from the second and it was as though he was about to force the press to turn their attention to him. But after scoring another birdie at the seventh he dropped a shot at the uphill ninth and took 38 to come back. In a low scoring day he can hardly be satisfied with that.

The three Englishmen were destroyed by the inward half. Bembridge scored 75, Jacklin 77 and Oosterhuis 79. Worst hit was Oosterhuis, with a 7. He took 41 back in spite of an eagle at the 13th, where he found the green with a two-iron. It included a penalty shot at the eleventh, where, after an indifferent drive, the ball moved as he addressed it. At the twelfth his tee shot struck dry land but screwed back into the water, and at the 15th, in the water again and straddling the green, he took seven. Why pile on the agony?

From the start he never looked settled, hooking his drive on to the ninth fairway at the first and taking three putts, while his partner, Sam Snead, rolled in a smooth one from 10 feet to save his par. That was the first of several holes where, because of the wet conditions, the ball was apt to fly out of the grass.

But what a marvellous performance from a man of 63. Hhe showed Oosterhuis a trick or two, feathering the ball down on to the green and for a time leading the field at three under par. After a long putt had disappeared for a birdie at the fourteenth. All this cannot have been easy for Oosterhuis as he watched a man 35 years his senior outscore him.

But the Briton's malaise goes deeper than that.

Bembridge cheered us all up on a damp, dismal morning by scoring the first birdie of the 1975 Masters, at the first hole but, although he reached the turn in 35, there was a lack of solidarity about his game and he relied a good deal on his putting and an occasional short pitch to the hole-side. In the rough waters of the homeward half this began to catch up with him and he dropped five shots to par in the last six holes.

But more significant than any of these was the start made by Nicklaus, trying for his firth Masters victory, and the man I consider this week to be his main threat, Weiskopf. It must be years since Nicklaus came to the Masters on such good terms with himself and his was a wonderfully solid piece of golf.

He got into his stride straight away by hitting the second green with a two-iron, were Oosterhuis, for example, had been short with two woods. At the next hole he had a birdie from five feet, the only green on which he took one putt, meaning 36 putts in all. He did not have a great many birdie chances because in the difficult conditions, where the ball tended to fly out of the damp grass, he played conservative shots into the green. Moreover, the holes were cut in difficult positions for an opening day, largely no doubt as a precaution against the green flooding. In fact the day dried up rather grudgingly and no delays resulted.

Nicklaus has not a great reputation for making birdies at the long holes at Augusta and at the eighth, after a splendid three-wood to the front of the green, he took three putts from a long way. But this time he scored birdies at the thirteenth (across the stream with a three-iron) and the fifteenth (over the water with a one-iron) where he holed an awkward one of four feet while his caddy averted his gaze.

With Player having two birdies in the last four holes and joining the group better than par, the first day may be said to have been largely belonging to the big guns.

As though this were not enough, Palmer got the message and came to the last hole needing a birdie to join the leader. Instead of that he dropped a stroke there, but is well tucked in among the leaders with 69. Palmer, who gave up cigarettes once again at the beginning of the year, is looking slimmer and fitter than for the past few years andhas made a better start than for several years past.

67: R. Nichols (US).
68: A. Miller (US); J. Nicklaus (US).
69: J. C. Snead (US); T. Weiskopf (US).
70: W. Casper (US).
71: S. Snead (US); J. Heard (US); L. Trevino (US); T. Aaron (US); J. Pale (US).
72: L. Graham (US); A. Wall (US); G. Burns (US); B. Grenshaw (US); B. Devlin (US); G. Litter (US); C. Kite (US); R. Curl (US); G. Player (S Africa); C. Coody (US).
73: B. Allin (US); L. Liang-Huan (Taiwan); R. Cole (GB); P. Fitzsimons (US).
74: M. Rosser (US); E. Snead (US); R. de Vicenzo (Argentina); R. Johnston (US); B. Yancey (US); L. Elder (US); H. Green (US); M. Barber (US).
75: M. Bembridge (GB); I. Ooki (Japan); D. Hill; C. Strange (US); J. Colbert (US).
76: R. Menneh (US); V. Regalado (Mexico); R. Charles (N Zealand); H. Baiocchi (US); F. Beard (US); B. Trampton (US).
77: G. Brewer (US); P. Rodgers (US); A. Jacklin (GB).
78: D. Ford (US).
79: P. osterh is (GB).
81: R. Goalby (US).

Card of course

Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par
1	400	4	10	485	4
2	555	5	11	445	4
3	380	4	12	155	3
4	220	3	13	475	5
5	450	4	14	420	4
6	190	3	15	520	5
7	365	4	16	190	3
8	530	5	17	400	4
9	440	4	18	420	4
Out	3,510	36	In	3,510	36

Wellington beaten when out of sight

By John Woodcock

So many extra holes were needed for Harrow to beat Wellington, or for Wellington to lose to Harrow, in the first round of the Halford Hewitt golf tournament for public schools at Deal yesterday evening that by the time Nicholas Tindall holed the winning putt not even the telescope on the clubhouse balcony could pick him out. Only those most deeply committed had gone out across the links, in a bitterly cold wind, to be in at the kill.

It was around the ample figure of Peter Gracey, in a yellow sweater and tartan "trews" ("Coco the clown, they call me") that the climax developed. He and H. M. R. Deane, after being three down with six to play, won four of the next five holes. Had they got down in three from the edge of the 18th green Wellington would have been home and dry. Instead they took four, Gracey, as stuffy a putter as he is staunch a member of the Wellington side, missing from, let us say, two feet. The memory of that he bore to the 22nd green before prestige held for a two to give Harrow their second point. Alexander Mann had put his tee-shot only five feet from the hole.

It was up to the two youngest Harrovians after that, Tindall and James Warman, both sons of Harrow masters, both only 18, both playing in their first Halford Hewitt, Tindall's father, once captain of Cambridge at cricket, found it as much as he could stand. He was a lovely batsman, Tindall senior, with a style as fluent as it was natural; his son plays golf without having to think too much about it too. He and Warman played the 19th, 20th and 21st in four apiece, good enough figures to have beaten the best. Patrick Shillington, an Irish international, and Simon Ellis were the victims.

In one of the first matches of the day, when it was crisp and blue and beautiful (the two courses, Deal and Sandwich, had made a miraculous recovery after being under three or four inches of snow on Wednesday). Tonbridge had been saved by some inhuman putting from Graham Dudley. Three times in the last four holes he rammed one in from the other side of the channel. Not long ago he had the "Yips", a disease he cured by reversing his grip.

At St George's, Eton had a close-run thing against Clifton. Clegg and Fisher won it for them on the last green, having stood up rather better than Bornell and Orr to the last few holes. Charterhouse, the favourites, won easily their last pair of Quick and Comer playing well enough to be compared with Henry Longhurst and John Morrison of long ago, when they went in last for Charterhouse.

Of the players who have apeared in the Walker Cup in their time, David Blair, partnered by Michael Ross-Collins, played 17 holes in par figures, against David Frame, who played for Great Britain in 1961. This was great golf in the conditions. Martin Christmas and Peter Benka won easily for Charterhouse; but Peter Hedges and Ian Caldwell, playing top for Whitgift, were beaten by Geoffrey Clay and Richard Stocks. Reputations stand for nothing in the Halford Hewitt.

DEAL: Malvern beat Radley 4½—½. Tonbridge beat Whitgift, 3—2; Downside beat Trent, 3—2; Cheltenham beat Wellingborough, 3½—1½; Loretto beat Marlborough, 4—1; Mill Hill beat Wrekin, 3—2; Bradfield beat Cranleigh, 3½—1½; Eastbourne beat The Leys, 5—0; St Paul's beat Forest, 3—2; Shrewsbury beat Bedford, 5—0; Harrow beat Wellington, 3—2; Westminster beat Liverpool, 4—1; Fettes beat Berkhampstead, 4½—½; Stonyhurst beat Brighton 5—0.

SANDWICH: Merchiston beat Epsom, 3½—1½; Eton beat Clifton, 3—2; Stowe beat Oundle, 3—2; Chigwell beat Bishop's Stortford, 3½—1½; King's Canterbury beat City of London, 5—0; Glenalmond beat Blundell's, 4—1; Charterhouse beat Felsted, 5—0; Dulwich beat Rossall, 4—1; Hurstpierpoint beat King Edward's, Birmingham, 3—2; Merchant Taylor's beat Taunton, 3—2; Sherborne beat St Bees, 3½—1½; Uppingham beat Ampleforth, 5—0.

Coles 2 strokes behind in Portuguese Open

Penina, April 10.—Hal Underwood, of the United States, took a two-stroke lead over Neil Coles, of Britain, here today in the Portuguese open golf tournament.

Underwood finished the third round in 71, two below par, and now has an aggregate of 216, three under par. Coles follows with 218 and Vicente Fernandez, of Argentina, with 220.

216: H. Underwood (US).
218: N. Coles (GB).
220: V. Fernandez (Argentina).
223: P. Butler (GB); D. Clark (New Zealand); S. Hobday (Rhodesia).
223: M. Pinero (Spain); G. Hunt (GB).
224: D. Ingram (GB); W. Humphreys (GB); J. Benito (Spain); M. Murphy (Ireland); S. Ballesteros (Spain).
225: M. Ballesteros (Spain); B. Barnes (GB); D. Vaughan (GB); S. Farlow (US).
226: N. Job (GB); D. Chillas (GB); E. Darcy (Ireland); J. O'Leary (Ireland).
227: N. Wood (GB); B. Gallacher (GB).
228: D. Jones (GB); P. Toussaint (Belgium).
229: A. Rivadeneira (Colombia); J. Kinsella (Ireland); S. Brown (GB); V. Baker (S Africa); P. Elson (GB).
230: C. O'Connor (Ireland); D. McClelland (GB); C. DeFoy (GB); S. Cox (GB); L. Higgins (Ireland); R. Meek (GB); K. Ponson (GB).
231: P. Tupling (GB); J. Garner (GB); J. McTear (GB); M. Nutler (GB); B. Hunt (GB).
232: R. Carr (Ireland); L. Owens (Ireland); P. Crocker (Australia); H. Jackson (GB); G. Mason (GB); J. Morgan (GB).

Seoul, April 10.—Cho Am-Kil, from South Korea, shot a 66 for a one-stroke lead in the opening round of the South Korean Open, here today. Behind him at three-under par was Ben Arda, a veteran from the Philippines.

Chang-Sang, also from South Korea, carded a two-under-par 70 on the new Morea Country Club course. Four players are fourth, one stroke behind.—Reuter.

68: C. Am-Kil. 69: B. Arda (Philippines). 70: H. Chang-Sang. 71: D. Lind (US), C. Chien-Chi (Taiwan), J. Perzer (US), A. Russell (US). 72: S. Heung Soo, C. Chien Chin (Taiwan), H. Shen San (Taiwan).

Lyle's nerves hold steady

Sandy Lyle, one of England's most talented young golfers, romped home to win the Carris Boys Trophy by five strokes at Moor Park yesterday. Lyle, the 17-year-old son of the Hawkstone Park professional, had rounds of 72 and 77 over the High course for an aggregate of 270 over 65 holes. Philip Morley, of Reading, and Paul Carrigill, of Moortown, shared second place on 275.

Lyle, who captained the England boys team last year, trailed by four strokes overnight. Helped by a burst of three birdies in five holes from the sixth, which was highlighted by a putt of four yards for a birdie two at the 10th, he shared the lead at the end of the third round with the overnight leader, Carrigill.

Lyle, who was second last year, went into the lead at the second hole of the final round and was never caught. He held a one-stroke advantage over Morley and was two in front of Carrigill with nine to play. But both Morley and Carrigill slumped during the first five holes of the homeward journey and each dropped five strokes. Although Lyle drove into the woods at the 17th and took a six, two over par, he was too far in front for it to matter. The leading scores, with yesterday's two rounds were:

270: A. W. B. Lyle (Hawkstone Park), 72, 77.
275: P. Morley (Reading), 74, 81; P. M. Carrigill (Moortown), 76, 82.
277: P. Downes (Coventry), 79, 77.
278: P. J. G. Hoad (Canterbury), 78, 82.
280: M. F. Lewis (Henbury), 73, 81. R. A. N. Stott (Nelson), 76, 81. P. W. McGarry (South Staffs), 75, 81.
282: N. A. Faldo (Welwyn Garden City), 76, 86; S. Mullan (Torquay), 85, 78.
283: K. Weeks (Brockenhurst Manor), 81, 77.
285: K. E. Tucker (Saltburn), 85, 80.
286: L. Freeman (Harpenden Common), 78, 81; A. P. Higgins (Worthing), 80, 82.

Squash rackets

DRYSDALE CUP (at the RAC): P. Kenyon (Blackpool) beat U. Ahrahaeck (Sweden), 9—2, 9—3, 9—5; J. R. Le Lievre (Elizabeth College) beat G. P. Briars (Gresham's), 9—1, 9—6, 9—5; P. H. Chanin (Westcliff HS) beat H. Petersson (Sweden), 9—4, 9—6, 9—5; J. Sinckenberg (Sweden) beat M. G. Wise (Kingston GS), 9—6, 9—6, 10—9.

BATH CLUB CUP: Division One (at Lord's): MCC beat RAC, 3—1. Results: A. L. Waddy (MCC) beat C. Oriss, 9—0, 9—2, 9—3, 9—5; P. C. Fuente (MCC) beat S. Swallow, 9—1, 10—8, 5—9, 10—8; P. P. Childs (RAC), wo.

Today's fixtures

Third division
Southend United v Swindon Town (7.30).

Fourth division
Southport v Cambridge United (7.30).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dover v Yeovil (7.30).
RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Halifax v Warrington; Keighley v Bramley.

Skiing champion without skiing

Mayrhofen, April 10.—Dagmar Kuzmanova, of Czechoslovakia, won this year's women's European skiing cup when the final event of the season, a giant slalom, was cancelled today.

The event here was called off after heavy snowfalls covered the course and avalanche danger ruled out use of another slope.

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CUP: Final placings: 1, D. Kuzmanova (Czechoslovakia), 120 pts; 2, M. Elmer (Austria), 117; 3, M. Mathis (Austria), 115; 4, M. Berwein (West Germany), 100; 5, C. Mathis, H. Rauer (both Austria), 90.

GIANT SLALOM: 1, P. Kuzmanova, 95; 2, Elmer, 74; 3, C. Tisot (Italy), 58; 4, M. Couttet (France), 40; 5, K. Lorber (France), 37; 6, Mathis, B. Totschnig (both Austria), 34.—Reuter.

Hockey

RAMSGATE: Southern Counties Schools Tournament: London 1, Kent A 5; Cambridgeshire 2, Berkshire 1; Buckinghamshire 1, Sussex 1; Kent B 4, Suffolk 2; Surrey 5, Hampshire 1. Final positions: 1, Kent A; 2, London; 3, Cambridgeshire.

Billiards

MIDDLESBROUGH (English amateur championship): Semi-final round: R. Close (Hartlepool) beat A. Nolan (Newcastle), 2,607-1,751.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis Cardinals 4, Montreal Expos 0. Cincinnati Reds 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 3; Houston Astros 14, Atlanta Braves 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee Brewers 7, Boston Red Sox 4; Minnesota Twins 5, Texas Rangers 2; Kansas City Royals 7, California Angels 6; Chicago White Sox 7, Oakland Athletics 5.

Football

Leeds tempered by anger and experience

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

Now that the dust has settled on the events of Wednesday it is possible to assess the profit and loss of a widely spread and important night of football.

Leaving aside, for the moment at least, the implications of the three Continental competitions—each virtually only at half-time, as it were, with the second legs of their semi-final round matches yet to be played on Wednesday week—one is now able to judge rather more clearly the domestic scene.

For one thing, we know the Cup finalists at last. For only the second time in history it is to be a purely metropolitan affair—West Ham United against Fulham, who have laughed all their way to Wembley from the second division, bearing in the process three first division sides, Everton, Carlisle United and Birmingham City, surviving 11 cup ties and 18 and a half hours of gruelling examination.

Having reached their first final with a show of no little skill and an abundance of spirit, Fulham cannot be taken lightly at Wembley—nor will West Ham make the mistake of doing so. Once again it is the supposed underdogs who have brought a touch of romance to the competition and especially so in the case of three men now in the twilight of their careers.

They include Alec Stock, sitting happily in the hot seat at Craven Cottage, the senior manager of the whole field with 30 years of distinguished service behind him at Yeovil, Orient, Arsenal (very briefly), Queen's Park Rangers and now Fulham. He has always stood for the good things of the game.

With Mr Stock are his two senior players, Mullery and Moore, both former captains of England, each of whom has gained a Cup winning medal in the past—Moore with West Ham in 1964 (he now crosses swords with his old club) and Mullery, with Tottenham Hotspur against Chelsea in the only other London final of 1967. The example these three men have set to a young Fulham side both on and off the field is beyond measure. They are to be applauded. London, at least, is now guaranteed one side in Europe next season to lighten its gloom.

Meanwhile, with Everton beaten by lowly Luton Town and letting slip their chances in recent weeks, the league championship looks to be heading strongly in the direction of Derby County. They have timed their challenge perfectly from the crowded Easter programme.

Their 1-0 win over Wolverhampton Wanderers in midweek has now put them top for the first time by two clear points and with McFarland at last returned to centre half after being injured with England last May and two of their last three matches to be held at home (against West Ham, whose thoughts will surely be elsewhere, and Carlisle United, virtually doomed to relegation) Derby—even without the suspended Hector—can be said to have come up on the rails with a typical Lester Piggott finish. The leading six clubs are:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby County	39	20	9	10	66	49	49
Liverpool	39	18	11	10	55	37	47
Stoke City	39	17	13	9	64	46	47
Everton	39	15	17	7	52	38	47
Ipswich Tn	38	21	4	13	58	39	46
Middlesbro	39	16	12	11	51	38	44

Three members of the jubilant Fulham party returning home yesterday (from left): John Mitchell, who scored the winning goal against Birmingham, Tommy Trinder, the club's chairman, and Alan Slough.

All this leads to one sad reflection. Ipswich Town, so long in the hunt for the double, may now have fallen between two stools. Beaten at last in the semi-final round of the Cup and dogged by injury problems, they seem also to have said farewell to the league title although they still have a game in hand of their rivals. Not for the first time has this happened, game though the Ipswich effort has been. A young side still in the process of developing, their reward, however, may yet come in a season or two.

On the simple face of it, the European Cup final may now be between the two fancied sides, Bayern Munich, the holders, and Barcelona. Yet football is not all that simple and whereas Bayern at home should build on their 0—0 draw with St Etienne in France, Leeds United are firmly convinced that they can still hold Barcelona in Spain to crown their 2—1 victory at Elland Road.

Leeds fully appreciate that Cruyff, Neeskens and company will turn their whole attentions to attack a fortnight hence and that 110,000 Spaniards will be heaping fire and brimstone on their heads.

But they judge that they should have beaten Barcelona by a clear three goals at the first time of asking and feel capable of holding the strutting maestri in Spain.

The real misfortune was the crucial away goal conceded by Leeds from a debatable free-kick. The Belgian referee was far distant at the moment of the incident when it was clear that Heredia stumbled over the ball as he went for Cruyff's through pass and was already falling when challenged by the unfortunate Reaney.

Even Jimmy Armfield, the Leeds manager, a pipe-smoking fisherman and organist in the local church, always a fair minded, calm, sporting person, had some pretty harsh things to say about that decision which may yet prove the deciding factor. Yet if there is one side tempered by the fires of Europe and capable of facing the eye of the storm in Barcelona, it is Leeds. But next time they must not take the field without Hunter, the lion.

No ban on Cooper but Jones no[t] so lucky

Terry Cooper of Middlesbro[ugh], formerly of Leeds Uni[ted], escaped a three-match [ban] w[hen] he appeared before an FA di[sci]plinary commission in Manc[hes]ter yesterday.

Cooper was sent off in the g[ame] between Chelsea and Midd[les]brough at Stamford Bridge [on] March 22, for a remark made [to] a linesman.

After the hearing the com[mis]sion decided that the sending [off] was sufficient punishment [but] Cooper had to pay adjusted c[osts] of the hearing.

Gary Jones, an Everton [mid]field player, failed with [his] appeal against having his n[ame] taken and was suspended [for] matches from Monday. This [means] he will miss his club's la[st] games.

The referee, Gordon Hill, [who] took Jones's name in the Ev[erton v] Ipswich game at Goodison [Park] on March 22, said: "Footba[ll is] coming to a sorry state when [five] witnesses appear for a hand [...] It's a good job he didn't [...] anyone, otherwise they w[ould] have called in the whole tea[m]."

The five witnesses [who] appeared for Jones were [the] manager, Billy Bingham, [the] chairman, Alan Waterworth, [the] secretary, Christopher Has[...] Kenyon and Clements.

Yesterday's results

UEFA CUP: Semi-final round: Cologne 1, Borussia Mönchen Gladbach 3.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Walthamstow Avenue 2, Hendon [...]; Walton and Hersham 1, Bishop's Stortford 3.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: League Cup: Fourth round: Hornchurch 0, Molesey [...].

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 0, Wimbledon 0; Tonbridge 1, Chelmsford 1. First division—South: Metropolitan Police 4, Crawley [...]. North: Gloucester 5, Bury Town [...]; Redditch 2, Cheltenham 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Skelmersdale 1, Scarborough 1; Matlock 7, Morecambe 3.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: York 7, Wigan 8.

Boxing

Needham is favoured to regain European title

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent
Rouen, April 10

David Needham must be a firm favourite to regain the European bantamweight title for Britain from Daniel Trioulaire of France here this evening.

If form on paper is of any significance, the most comforting support for that confidence comes from looking closely at the record of Trioulaire, a local boy suddenly made good.

In France he is still regarded as "inconnu" compared with their true modern idols of the ring, such as the middleweights John-Claude Bouttier and Max Cohen. His recent rush to the top of continental boxing is emphasized by Trioulaire himself, who says: "Before I beat Allotey for the European title, I was nothing. Nobody knew me. If I hadn't got the chance to challenge him for the title I would have stayed in second rate fights and no one would have ever thought about me. It's often like that in the lightest weights in boxing."

Trioulaire was born on December 9, 1947, and had his first professional contest on October 14, 1972. That was two weeks before Needham, voted the best young boxer of 1974 by the British reporters, took part in an official final eliminator for the British title. That time lag emphasizes a large gap in experience between the champion and challenger. So does Trioulaire's professional record of 15 contests, 14 victories and a draw with one, against Hocine Mahammedi, in Trioulaire's second contest for money.

The "unknown" European champion has stopped four of his opponents, none by clean knock outs, and has travelled 10 rounds only twice. The reason why such a comparatively inexperienced boxer should be champion of Europe may be summed up in the definition of luck once given me by the former Olympic athletics champion, Harold Abrahams. "Luck is knowing your opportunities and taking them."

Trioulaire won the title from the aging Ghanian, Allotey, who had become a Spanish citizen, because he was able to box in front of the encouragement of his own supporters thanks to the backing of a local business man. The promotion lost £3,000 but few in this city, including the philanthropic pugilistic "patron", could care about that when Trioulaire put Allotey down in the third round and again in the ninth before the referee intervened to stop this voluntary title defence.

As an amateur, Trioulaire was beaten three times by British boxers including the new British featherweight champion, Vernon Sollas, whom I last saw working out impressively with Needham, a southpaw. Indeed, Needham's style places another question mark over Trioulaire's chance of retaining the title which, says his trainer, Gaston Micaleff, has "transformed him and made him gain in strength".

For the past three weeks Trioulaire has been sparring with southpaws. He admits: "At the beginning it was not easy. I needed several days to adapt myself. We don't get much opportunity against "gauches" but now it seems pretty good." But for Trioulaire, who believes that "it's always hard against British boxers", it is not merely a question of solving a southpaw's style.

Needham is fast, versatile, determined and young. He has been the full 15 rounds of a championship contest and he has courage, too, as he showed when he won the vacant British title from Maguire. Needham is the first to agree that it is only right for Britain to take back this 8 stone 6 lb continental crown after Johnny Clark had to resign it when he was forced to retire from boxing after suffering a detached retina in a charity concert. Trioulaire has only recently resolved difficulties with his manager. It is doubtful whether a man can win when so much seems to be against him.

Tennis

NAGOYA: Women's doubles tournament (Group B): Miss F. Durr (France) and Miss B. Stove (Netherlands) beat Miss M. Navratilova (Czechoslovakia) and Miss L. Hunt (Australia), 6—3, 6—4; Miss Durr and Miss Stove beat Miss B. Cuypers (NZ) and Miss H. Gourlay (Australia), 6—4, 6—0; Miss Navratilova and Miss Hunt beat Miss S. Stap and Miss J. Heldman (US), 6—0, 6—4; Miss Stap and Miss Heldman beat Miss Cuypers and Miss Gourlay, 6—3, 5—6, 6—2. Overall: 1, Miss Durr and Miss Stove, 2, Miss Navratilova and Miss Hunt; 3, Miss Stap and Miss Heldman. Group A winners: Mrs L.W. King and Miss R. Casals (US) beat Mrs M. Court (Australia) and Miss [...] V. Wade (GB), 6—4, 5—7, 6—2.

ST LOUIS: R. Tanner beat R. Mand, 3—6, 6—4, 6—1; V. Gerulaitis beat A. Mayer, 4—6, 6—3, 6—3; B. Fairlie beat A. Stone, 6—4, 7—6; J. Fillol beat R. Ruffels, 6—2, 3—6, 6—1.

BARCELONA: Men's singles: P. Torocsy (Hungary) beat P. Proisy (France), 7—6, 6—3; J. Gisbert (Spain) beat B. Andersson (Sweden), 6—1, 3—6, 6—4.

Ice Hockey

MUNICH: World championship match: Czechoslovakia 6, Finland 2.

Tennis

Miss Barker a new name on the books

Mark McCormack, an American sports promoter who manages Virginia Wade and Billie Jean King, is to add the name of Susan Barker, Britain's No 2 tennis player on his books. Miss Barker, who announced the news yesterday, said that she had been talking to McCormack's United Kingdom representative over the last few days about a contract. "It means a great load off my mind", she said. "It was becoming a bit of a strain sorting out my business affairs and trying to play tennis at the same time.

"The contract is more of a mutual agreement. They will advise me where I should play, probably where the prize money is the highest, but I will have the final word." Recently, Miss Barker had been taking things easily in an effort to recover from a foot injury received on her Egyptian tour.

American zone final put off

Santiago, April 10.—The Davis Cup American Zone final between South Africa and Chile has been postponed indefinitely. Hernan Basagoitia, president of the Chilean Tennis Federation, said yesterday that Chilean officials had been advised of the postponement by Basil Reay, the British secretary of the International Lawn Tennis Federation and of the Davis Cup committee.

Mr Basagoitia said the Davis Cup committee had also decided to postpone their decision on the elimination of Mexico and Colombia from the series for refusing to meet South Africa and would discuss the issue on April 17 in Munich.—Reuter.

China seek help for entry

Melbourne, April 10.—China have asked Australia to support their entry into the International Lawn Tennis Federation (ILTF) and agree to the expulsion of Taiwan.

John Andrew, secretary of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, said yesterday that the request was received by letter from the People's Republic of China with supporting letters from Ceylon and Pakistan.

Motor racing

New faces of cars and drivers at Silverstone

By John Blunsden

Twenty Formula One entries will be lined up in front of the new £140,000 pits complex at Silverstone this morning. They will practice for the International Trophy race sponsored by the *Daily Express*, to be run on Sunday over 40 laps of the 2.93 miles circuit.

Every major world championship team is represented by at least one car, for this race, the highlight of an eight-race programme stretching over Saturday and Sunday. Therefore, it could become a dummy run for the British Grand Prix, sponsored by John Player, which takes place on the same circuit on July 19.

It is largely for this reason that Ferrari have sent over one of their latest cars, the 312T, which made its first appearance in South Africa last month. With this car, the Italian team hope to secure the world championship, which they last won in 1964. Lauda will drive it at Silverstone.

Also making its first appearance in Europe is the Parnelli-Ford VPJ4, the car which Andretti has been driving since last September. Despite mediocre results recently, it is considered to have great potential. However, the fast sweeps of Silverstone may well suit best the Brabham-Ford BT44B which Reutemann is driving this weekend, or possibly the latest-specification Tyrrell-Ford 007, which is to be handled by Depailler to obtain experience at Silverstone.

The world champion Emerson Fittipaldi has his Texaco Marlboro McLaren-Ford M23, and will be looking for a considerable improvement on his fifth place at Brands Hatch last month. Pryce, the victor of the Race of Champions, is breaking his honeymoon to drive the UOP Shadow-Ford DN5 ag[ain] in place of his teammate, Jari[er], who is also getting married [on] Saturday.

Another late change of dri[ver] brings Crawford into the Lo[tus] team for this race alongside Pet[er]son in place of Ickx. Crawf[ord] survived a 140 mph roll-over duri[ng] practice at Silverstone two wee[ks] ago but seems none the worse [for] his frightening experience and c[an] be expected to give Peterson go[od] support on Sunday.

Jones, an Australian, also mak[es] his first appearance in Formu[la] One. He is to drive the Hesket[h] Ford 308 with which Hunt won t[he] International Trophy race last yea[r] and which has been entered [by] former Formula Atlantic driv[er] Stiller. Hunt will be driving Lo[rd] Hesketh's latest product, a[n] interim model pending the appear[ance] of a new car later this seaso[n].

Hill will be back in the cockp[it] for this race with his latest ca[r]. Although it uses certain Lola com[po]nents, it has been constru[cted] by his own Embassy team in co[n]junction with outside specialis[ts] and is the forerunner of a Hi[ll] Formula One car.

Watson must be a fancied runne[r] this weekend with the improve[d] Surtees-Ford TS16, as will Mer[]zario who is fresh from a[n] endurance race victory last week[]end in an Alfa Romeo, and shoul[d] go well in the Williams. Donohu[e] will be seen again in the improv[ed] late Penske, and the entry als[o] includes Lombardi in the March 751, Evans in the Stanley BRM Wilson, Fittipaldi in the Coper[]sucar, Nicholson in the Lyncar Wunderink in the Ensign, an[d] Trimmer in the Safir.

If Britain's weather will relen[t] only for a few hours, we coul[d] well see Silverstone lapped fo[r] the first time at 140 mph durin[g] today's two practice periods.

Athletics

Windfall worth £50,000

British athletics are to get £50,000 from Kraft Foods, towards the preparation for the 1976 Olympic Games, in Montreal.

All but £5,000 will be a direct contribution to the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB), to help finance coaching and to stage important events, including a Great Britain v Soviet Union match at Crystal Palace, on August 24 and 25 this year.

The BAAB plan two meetings in the summer of 1976, immediately after which the British Olympic team will be selected.

The remainder of the sponsorship money, £5,000, will cover the supply of healthy foods to athletes on coaching courses and to provide publicity material. Kraft's latest sponsorship brings the amount they have contributed to athletics in recent years to £130,000.

Arthur Gold, secretary of the BAAB, said that Kraft support had always been an especially valuable one as it covered such a broad field. "This renewed support", he said, "means that we are now able to implement the sort of Olympic preparation programme that is so essential."

More clubs who are closing the generation gap in Old Boys' Rugby

Chance to broaden ties and opportunities

The senior Old Boy rugby club, so far as I know, is Old Paulines, which celebrated its centenary in 1971. The records which established this were only discovered a few years previously, and it is not clear whether their history is unbroken. Marlborough Nomads began in 1868, and were founder members of the Rugby Football Union, but ceased to be regular competitors in 1911. Old Blues (Christ's Hospital) began in 1873 but had a gap of 10 years from 1883, becoming discouraged when their captain died during a match. Old Leysians, though not now a great force, have existed without interruption since 1877, two years after the school was founded, so their claim is as good as any. The Millhillians go back to 188[.] (with a break), the Merchant Taylors to 1882: the Bancroftians started in 1894, the Alleynians in 1898, the Whitgiftians in 1911. Doubtless by the end of the century many other comparable clubs were going, even if imperfectly recorded.

Most of these I have mentioned were at one time or another among the best in the land, but, as I was saying in an earlier article, times have changed. We are not likely again to see an OMT winning 29 caps while with the club, and leading a British team to South Africa, as Cove-Smith did, nor a Merchant Taylor-Millhillian half-back pairing for England, as we had with Baker and Williams in 1955. This does not perhaps much matter. Besides, times may change again.

The growth in university education has not helped the Old Boy clubs. The young men who were once the annual recruitment are now involved in college sides. They may be available during vacations, but, as the secretary of Old Whitgiftians points out, "this often leads to reshuffling of the teams with a consequent disruption in teamwork". The secretary of Old Paulines strikes a sadder note: "During these three years quite a number give up rugby" (Ho hum, that's modern education for you.)

The only way to cope with this problem (a problem for the clubs: I am not denying it might be a blessing for the boys) is to keep in close touch with the schools, and this, undoubtedly, the livelier clubs are doing. Old Tiffinians, while recognizing that their lower intake is "a direct result of the academic success of the school", take care to keep the school interested in their doings: sometimes, in their junior sides, buys will play in an afternoon match after a school match in the morning, and though there might be arguments against this, it does not indicate any lack of enthusiasm. Old Bristolians, although they have "gone open", still appoint liaison officers to watch and encourage the school teams. But more is needed in this kind of liaison than general encouragement. There is the generation gap to be considered, especially now that a generation seems to last about five years. I was much struck by this comment from Mr Wright, the secretary of Old Merchant Taylors:

"At the time when our recruitment of players from the school was at its lowest, there was definitely the idea that rugger was the sport exclusively for the hearty, short-haired beer-swilling, dirty-song-singing type, who was the antithesis of everything the young 'with-it' man would want to be. Luckily this idea seems to have changed. Perhaps it was due to the Lions' success in New Zealand, the sight on television of internationals who wore their hair long ... but whatever it is, we now have the largest number of young players that we have had for many years (our relationship with the school is excellent) and they realize that whilst they are very welcome to stay for more than one hour after the game, provided the usual hospitality is extended to the opposition, longer attendance is not compulsory."

Those are some of the most heartening words *I* have ever read concerning the future of the rugby game, and it is particularly good that they should come from an "Old Boy" club: though Merchant Taylors are accustomed to taking the lead, as their history as a school and a rugby club testifies. (You must not think from this that they are dry and wry. They took 50 people to Devon on their Easter tour, and I expect there were a thousand or two pints less in Devon when they left.)

A school makes as good a common ground for founding a rugby club as a neighbourhood. The education system will continue to change, the independent schools may go, but there will still be clubs calling themselves the "Old Whitgiftians", or "The Old Addiscombe Roadians", or something of the kind. I am glad they survive, these clubs, and not to a contemptible level either. OMTs still play Saracens, Oxford University and London Irish ("on the basis that it is good to have an *occasional* very tough fixture on which to try to raise one's game"). Most of them keep their fixtures in step with their strength, while always ready to risk half a step forward. Millhillians still play Northampton, Wasps, Metropolitan Police. Paulines still play Bedford.

"The Combined London Old Boys RFC" began in 1971. This provides an extra stepping-stone for the player of promise, even though he is with a junior club; and an extra goal at which to aim for the player who knows he is never going to be much better than average. Fifty Old Boy clubs, out of a potential 70, have affiliated. They play midweek matches against sides such as Sussex, Kent II, United Banks, United Hospitals, Hertfordshire. There is a similar organization in Birmingham, but Birmingham Old Boys will pick anybody *qualified* to represent his club, whereas London Old Boys only pick anyone turning out for his own Old Boy club *at the time of selection*. I am sure London are correct to make this distinction, for what, otherwise, would constitute an Old Boy? We could pick a Lions XV of Old Boys, or at least old boys, who were educated somewhere or other.

I expect some of you are thinking there is a touch too much snobbery in all this, but I doubt it. It is just a case of old friendship and common background, though there might be some benighted soul who thinks it improves his status in life to join the Old Bristolians, even if he has never been to Bristol Grammar School; in which case he is probably digging his own pit. I wish all luck to the Combined London Old Boys, and their component members, and it is only with a slight sense of shame I record that their notepaper is striped red, white and blue, and that for a small subscription you may wear (you have guessed it) a tie.

Alan Gibson

SPORT

Racing

...een Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret greet Sunyboy in the winners' enclosure

...anzarote demolishes opposition

...Michael Phillips
...cing Correspondent

...ame Spirit and Sunyboy set ... seal on Queen Elizabeth the ...en Mother's best season when ...y won the Sardan Handicap ...eplechase and the Sardan ...ices Hurdle respectively at ...ot yesterday. The Queen ...ther has now had 18 winners ...his her most successful season, ...f which have come from Saxon ...se, Fulke Walwyn's yard in ...er Lambourn. The Queen ...ther was there yesterday to see ...r two horses win and greet ...m when they returned to the ...ner's enclosure together with ... Queen and Princess Margaret. And what an afternoon they had. ...den by Bill Smith, Sunyboy was ...ays going much more easily ...n More Scotch and Aldaniti, ... nearest pursuers. Half an hour ...er Game Spirit had a harder ...k in his race but he won well ... the end, drawing away from ...nmerville between the last two ...ces to win more or less as he ...ased. Sommerville is, as his ...iner Turnell admits, a Jekyll ... Hyde character. Sometimes he ...nts to race and others he does .... What is clear, Turnell says, ...hat the jockey who is on him, ...ever he is is never in control ...l that Sommerville goes only ...en he wants to.

...esterday, he was going well ...ugh—too well for most—when ... pulled his way into the lead ...rtly after halfway, shunning ...traint. But he was never able ... shake off Game Spirit and in ... end it was Game Spirit's persistence that won the day.

...ow, I thought afterwards, the ... George Smith would have ...oyed this victory. It was he ...o "found" Game Spirit for ... Queen Mother when the big ...stnut was still an undergraduate, so to speak, and Game Spirit has certainly borne out his judgment since those early days. This was his second good win this season over two miles and a half, surely his best distance. Both Sunnyboy and Game Spirit are to rest on their laurels until next season.

Lanzarote, champion hurdler until he was deposed by Comedy of Errors at Cheltenham last month, won his second good prize since that black day when he smothered his rivals in the long-distance hurdle with his class just as soon as the race came to the boil in the straight. Fred Winter still does not know why Lanzarote flopped in the Champion Hurdle, nor does Richard Pitman. "It is a complete mystery", Winter told me as we walked off the stands, having just watched Lanzarote demolish his opposition. Since that wretched day at Cheltenham Lanzarote has won the Welsh Champion Hurdle and now this lucrative prize, handsome consolation by any standards. It was sad that he did not run a race at all at Cheltenham on the day that mattered most.

Yesterday he was always going easily in behind the leaders and the writing was on the wall a long way from home. On the other hand the favourite, Brown Lad, ran the sort of race that Lanzarote ran at Cheltenham, a really bad one, so poor that one was inclined to ask oneself whether or not his connexions had simply gone to the well once too often. Yet in the paddock Brown Lad looked superb and showed no signs of his recent races. Admittedly, he jumped his hurdles as if they were fences more often than not, but that does not explain away his completely lack-lustre performance. In the end it was left to Davy Lad, the other Irish hope, to chase Lanzarote but he never looked like getting to grips with him.

Lanzarote is also finished for the season. Time alone will tell whether he goes steeplechasing next season or tackles Comedy of Errors again hurdling. His connexions have all their options open and time in which to decide. Jim Dreaper was at a loss to explain Brown Lad's performance. He simply asked for time in which to decide whether or not to let this lovely horse run at Cheltenham next week in the Sun Alliance Steeplechase. After this wretched performance I would be inclined to call it a day but the Irish often fly in the face of reason, with good results to show at the end of the day, and Cheltenham next week may see a different Brown Lad.

The weather will decide whether Forest Rock, who won the Merlin Hunter's Steeplechase easily, will take his chance in the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown Park later this month. He will run, his trainer, Andrew Wates, said yesterday, if the ground improves. Andrew and his brother, Paul, who owns Forest Rock and who rode him yesterday, said that they had misgivings about running Forest Rock yesterday on the ground that was holding. It will have to be better than that if they are to drop him in at the deep end against seasoned campaigners at Sandown Park.

STATE OF GOING (official): Beverley: Good to soft. Sedgefield: Good to soft. Ascot (tomorrow): Hurdles course, soft (heavy patch for 100 yards entering Swinley Bottom); Steeplechase course, Soft. Uttoxeter (tomorrow): Steeplechase course, soft; Hurdle course, heavy. Market Rasen (tomorrow): Heavy. Hexham (tomorrow): Good to soft.

Irish partnership can share day's spoils

By Jim Snow

Two Irishmen, the Malton trainer Frank Carr and the 1974 champion jockey Patrick Eddery, have in the first three weeks of the new flat racing season joined forces with purpose and no little reward. They are in action again today at Beverley. Onward Tsubame, Pottersville, and Solid Silver have won recently at Catterick Bridge and Doncaster for Eddery and Carr, who remarked at Catterick after Pottersville's victory: "That young man seems to me to ride well. He is promising, and I think I shall have to put him up on my horses whenever he comes north and Peter Walwyn releases him."

Carr, who came from Ireland with "a shilling or two in my pocket" in the fifties, has moved steadily forward since he started to train at Malton in 1961. His stable is now full, the accent being on the flat although he has three or four jumpers in his yard.

This afternoon at Beverley Carr and Eddery are associated with Bosscat (2.0), Scot Jason (2.30), Pottersville (3.0), Friendly Boy (3.30) Hollow Laughter (4.0), and King Saul (4.30). So Eddery has a ride in every race here for Carr and they are all good ones. Most of them will start favourite, and if two or three do not win, a large number of people will leave this excellent and friendly racecourse somewhat lighter in the pocket.

It could be a great day for Carr and Eddery, since all the six horses I have mentioned have the right sort of form behind them, this season and last. Scot Jason ran well enough at Catterick Bridge, when third to Golden Zaccio, to be preferred to Grespin Lad, who will be running for the fourth time in three weeks, and Pottersville has clear claims on his running on the same day at Catterick. Carrying 9 st 1 lb he won a handicap comfortably for Eddery over one mile, seven furlongs, and I do not think the extra furlong this afternoon of the Esk Handicap will find him wanting in stamina.

The Beverley two-mile course with its stiff uphill finish from the turn into the straight, demands much, and the going will be soft. I take Pottersville to win but Ian Balding, who has a fine record with the horses he sends up to Beverley, should see his six-year-old Barmy, with an advantage of 15 lb go close to beating the Malton horse. Mont St Michel, second in his last outing, should also run well.

Carr will be studying the strong hand he holds at Beverley today, and Eddery, as he flies north to Yorkshire from Berkshire, will also be scanning the pages of the form book to see if Carr's hopes will be realized on the six horses he will be riding for him.

When a trainer of the ability and experience of Carr and a jockey of the skill and judgment of Eddery are associated with six horses in one afternoon, it is easy to make a mess of things. Three selections can be beaten, and the other three who are opposed can win, but I suggest Scot Jason, Pottersville, Friendly Boy and King Saul have a fair chance of taking the lion's share of the spoils.

Speedy Dakota should pass a stern test

From Pierre Guillot
Paris, April 10

Opposition to the 2,000 Guineas third favourite, Speedy Dakota, in tomorrow's Prix Montenica at Maisons-Laffitte will be numerically weak but at least one of his four rivals, Blue Vermillon, should give the American-bred a stern test. Lester Piggott, who will be riding in France for the fourth time in five racing days, will partner Speedy Dakota, his probable mount in the Guineas. A male descendant of Hyperion, Speedy Dakota, who is by a top-class American handicapper, Pia Star, won two of his four races last year, including the Critérium de Maisons-Laffitte over seven furlongs in September, and ended the season by running third in the all-age Prix de la Forêt.

Taking the lead entering the straight, he ran on strongly and rallied so gamely when passed that he was beaten only one length and a head by Northern Taste and El Rastro. As a result, he was rated fifth best in the handicap optional.

The Montenica was won last year by Speedy Dakota's former stable companion, Nonoalco, who then went on to score his greatest victory at Newmarket. Nonoalco was a comfortable winner from Brinkmanship last April but Blue Vermillon could present this year's favourite with greater problems.

The Boutin stable has yet to strike form this year and, following the official handicapper, his opponent has a slight edge in any case. Speedy Dakota was weighted seven pounds in front but has to concede nine. Blue Vermillon disappointed in his final outing last autumn, finishing only seventh in the Critérium de Saint-Cloud but, despite that, the son of Luthier is given preference.

Win Tiger and Tin Band have useful form but should not be able to give the weight. The remaining runner, Tapis Rouge, is moderate. He has the advantage of being the only one of the five to have had a race this year but it was a weakly contested affair at the provincial track of Fontainebleau.

PRIX MONTENICA (3-y-o : £3,840 : 7½f)
1013- Speedy Dakota (S. Vanian), F. Boutin, 9-2 .... L. Piggott
1- Tin Band (R. Ades), J. Cunnington, jnr, 9-2 .... M. Philipperon
21- Win Tiger (Mrs Whitney Tippett), M. Clement, 9-2 Y. Saint Martin
220- Blue Vermillon (A. Clore), R. Carver, 8-12 .... W. Pyers
00-3 Tapis Rouge (Baron G. de Rothschild), J. M. de Choubersky, 8-12 W. G. Rivases

Forecast: Evens Speedy Dakota, 3-1 Blue Vermillon, Win Tiger, 6-1 Tin Band, 14-1 Tapis Rouge.

Olympic Games

President of AGF wants China in IOC

Lahore, April 10.—The Asian Games Federation (AGF) president today called on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to admit China to membership. Mr Malik Mairaj Khalid, the AGF leader and Pakistan's Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, in a statement issued here, called on the governing body of the Olympic movement "to give a rightful place to the largest country of the world in the sphere of sports and culture".

He said the All-China Sports Federation was the equivalent of the China Olympic Committee and was the sole legitimate organization representing the whole of China, including Taiwan, for Olympic sport.

China resigned from the Olympic movement in 1956 because the IOC continued to recognize Taiwan as a member. In the past two years China has been rejoining international sports bodies and took part in the Asian Games in Teheran last September, but has not reconstituted its National Olympic Committee nor made a formal application for IOC membership.—Reuter.

Graves appointed as vice-captain

Peter Graves is to be vice-captain of Sussex this season. He was appointed by the committee while Tony Greig, the captain, was in Australia, but said that before accepting he would discuss the matter with Greig. Up to this season Sussex have not nominated a vice-captain. When Greig has been away the side has been led by John Snow or one of the Buss brothers.

Horse trials

Afternoon at Windsor crowned by the Queen

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Nigel Tabor, a 20-year-old farmer's son from Worcestershire, ran out the overall winner of the Midland Bank open intermediate class at the Windsor horse trials yesterday and received his prize from the Queen. Riding his promising young horse, Thor IV, who won two novice classes last season and has this year won at Cirencester and Kinlet, he pulled up from second place overnight with a fast and confident round across country.

John Smart finished second on Collingwood, who was bred by the Queen and is a full brother, by Colonist II out of Trim Ann, to her Badminton winner, Columbus. Collingwood was originally started on his career as a three-day event horse by Princess Anne, and he was sold two years ago.

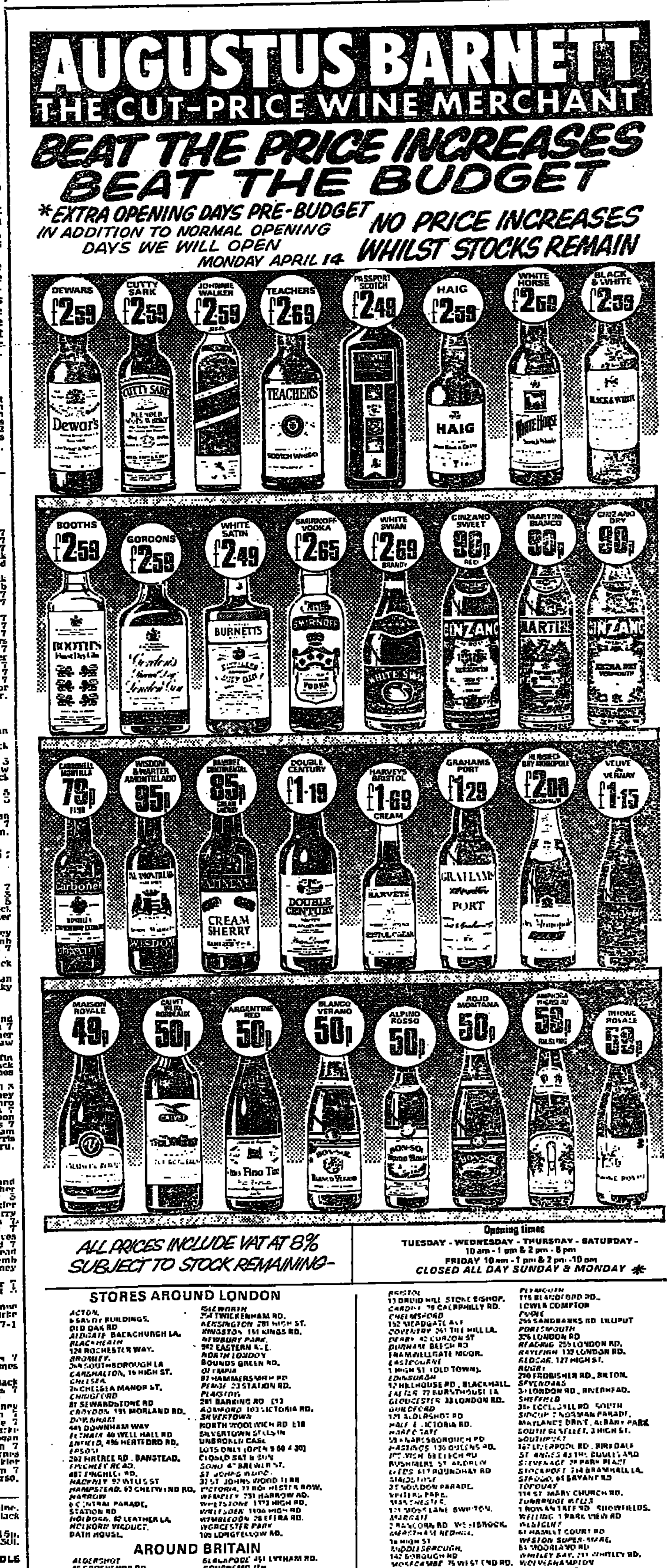
Princess Anne herself finished fourth on Arthur of Troy, who was clear across country and pulled up from ninth place overnight. She was less fortunate on Blackjack, the nine-year-old by Troilus, which she rode for her sister-in-law Sarah Phillips. Fourth overnight, Blackjack was eliminated at the Coffin, where the short distance between the first and second elements caused a number of the freer-going horses to look twice. Bought as a hunter in Surrey, he was hunted on only four occasions, because, although he went well when hounds were running, he did not like waiting. He won two novice trials last year.

Bridget Parker was another who had an unlucky day. On Idle Gossip, a Devonshire bred horse by Vicky Joe out of a mare who won point-to-point, she was lying second yesterday after the dressage and showjumping. But across country she missed out a fence, which robbed her of what would have been a two points victory in the first open intermediate section. As her Olympic horse Cornish Gold pulled a muscle in his shoulder at Rushall on Saturday, and is therefore out of Badminton yet again, she must be looking forward to the autumn season of horse trials, when she will be competing for a place in the British team.

Judy Pointer's horse Royal Slam, the overnight open intermediate leader, and a winner at Rushall and Osberton, had an eventful cross-country trip. With a fall at the Y rails at No. 12 and two refusals at the Coffin, Royal Slam finished with a cricket score in penalty points.

Susan Faulkner's stallion, The Black Knight, who did the best dressage test of the day for only 16 penalties to lead the field as he had last October in the Wylie three-day event, was not sufficiently fast across country to consolidate his position and eventually conceded victory to Captain Malcolm Wallace, of the King's Royal Artillery, late of the King's Troop, riding Eastern Promise. Two weeks earlier Captain Wallace was a member of the hard riding team of gunners who finished second in the cross-country event at Hickstead. Over the past few seasons he has proved himself able to conjure a rare tune out of horses who spend most of their life pulling gun carriages.

INTERMEDIATE: Section A: 1, Mrs R. Norris's Eastern Promise (Capt M. Wallace), 32 dressage penalties, 0 show jumping, 0 cross-country jumping, 29 country time, equals 61; 2, Miss L. Henderson's Silver Dollar (Miss N. ...), 45, 0, 0, 18, equals 63; 3, Miss S. Faulkner's The Black Knight, 16, 5, 0, 51 equals 72. Section B: 1, Mrs M. A. Brown's Blinder Rose (A. Harris), 35, 0, 0, 19, equals 54; 2, Miss J. Dodd's Peter XI, 11, ... 0, 0, 45 equals 74; 3, Household ... Hommement's Vpres (... Jackson), 38, 5, 0, 43 equals 76. OPEN INTERMEDIATE SECTION A: 1, Miss J. Jarvis's Curved Air, 37, 0, 0, 34 equals 70; 2, Mrs J. Cappar's Calipus Silver Dusk (Mrs A. ...ton), 48, 5, 0, 19 equals 72; 3, Mrs R. C. A. Hammond's Foldar Che Knoint (B. Stephens), 50, 0, 0, 25 equals 75. Section B: 1, N. Tabor's Thor IV, 29, 0, 0, 12 equals 41; 2, ...'s Collingwood (J. Smart), 30, 0, 27 equals 57; 3, Miss ... Bates's Goldfight, 29, 0, 0, 33 equals 62.



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BESWICK HANDICAP (£516 : 5f)
30000-0 Westgate Bay (D) (G. Bloor), E. Collingwood, 7-10-0 .... O. Gray 5 2
4130-02 Hei-land Jamie (D) (W. Paul), T. Fairhurst, 4-9-13 .... C. Fairhurst 7 7
40120-2 Gold Loom (D) (Mrs Gray), W. Gray, 6-9-5 P. Robinson 7 3
441021- Bosscat (D) (J. Allan), F. Carr, 3-8-10 .... P. Eddery 4
01000-0 Atrek (G. Rayers), F. Collingwood, 8-8-7 .. B. Connorton 8
000011- The Solostan (D) (S. Powell), J. Sutcliffe jun, 5-8-6 .... B. Rouse 9
000000- Fiona's Pet (Mrs Vernon), J. Berry, 4-8-4 .... E. Apter 6
00-04 *Royal Cadet (J. D. Collins), K. Payne, 4-8-2 .... A. Cousins 1
0100-01 Two Ronnies (D) (J. Glover), S. Nesbitt, 3-8-6 .... W. Carson 5
...1 Hei'land Jamie, 5-2 Bosscat, 5-1 Gold Loom, 6-1 The Solostan, 8-1 Two Ronnies, 12-1 Atrek, 20-1 others.

...LUND PLATE (2-y-o : £345 : 5f)
Butterfly Boy (T. Payne), Payne, 8-11 .... A. Cousins 13
Fernando (H. Jones), Jones, 8-11 .... J. Seagrave 8
0 Gintoni (M. Fletcher), K. Payne, 8-11 .... S. Eccles 7 5
033 Grespin Lad (J. Taylor), T. Fairhurst, 8-11 .... S. Webster 5 1
Mujet (E. Collingwood), Collingwood, 8-11 .... O. Gray 5 11
40 Ribble Rouser (W. Watts), Watts, 8-11 .... G. Oldroyd 12
3 Scott Jason (C. Newton), F. Carr, 8-11 .... P. Eddery 7
Halton Lady (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 8-8 .... T. Lappin 6
Kirkwan Lady (Mrs Long), M. H. Easterby, 8-8 J. Skilling 10
0 Lady Chief (J. Hardy), Hardy, 8-8 .... C. Moss 2
04 Landa's Pet (G. Dewes), J. Berry, 8-8 .... B. Connorton 9
0 Little Charmer (W. Robson), M. H. Easterby, 8-8 .... M. Birch 4
0 Stewart Lindsay (J. Mordecai), S. Nesbitt, 8-8 .... W. Carson 3
Torver (E. Driffield), E. Weymes, 8-8 .... S. Perks 14
...-1 Scott Jason, 7-2 Ribble Rouser, 6-1 Grespin Lad, Torver, 8-1 Little Charmer, 10-1 Lady Chief, Kirkwan Lady, 12-1 Fernando, 20-1 others.

ESK HANDICAP (£518 : 2m)
13-1 Pottersville (D) (B. Newton), F. Carr, 6-9-7 .... P. Eddery 1
0014-2 Mont St Michel (W. Coleman), A. Dalton, 4-9-7 G. Duffield 8
000201- Wynds Point (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 7-9-6 .... C. Eccleston 4
210031- Broughty Harbour (H. Lawson), S. Hall, 4-9-0 .... E. Apter 2
40000-2 Galah Bird (T. Park), E. Collingwood, 4-8-13 .... O. Gray 5 7
044020- Hopeful Subject (Mrs Shaw), N. Crump, 4-8-12 B. Connorton 3
003414- Barmy (CD) (I. Balding), Balding, 6-8-6 .... J. Matthias 5 5
10- Limner (Mrs Raphael), M. Prescott, 4-8-6 .... C. Nutter 7 6
5-8 Pottersville, 5-2 Mont St Michel, 4-1 Barmy, 6-1 Galah Bird, 10-1 Broughty Harbour, 12-1 Limner, 16-1 others.

...WATTON HANDICAP (3-y-o : £512 : 1m 2f)
01 Albrighton (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), H. Cecil, 9-7 F. Durr 5
01030-1 Friendly Boy (S. Reakes), F. Carr, 9-2 .... P. Eddery 1
302200- Sporting Shot (G. Thornton), J. Etherington, 8-11 C. Dwyer 6
23100-3 Carlton Saint (F. Reacher), J. Hardy, 8-6 .... C. Moss 7
42002-4 Pichal (C. Barber-Lomax), A. Goodwill, 8-3 3
004003- Pearly (A. Snipe), M. H. Easterby, 8-2 .... M. Birch 2
01000- Rothink (Mrs Hargrave), A. Dalton, 7-5 .... E. Johnson 4
...-4 Friendly Boy, 9-4 Albrighton, 4-1 Carlton Saint, 7-1 Pichal, 12-1 Sporting ..., 20-1 others.

HOUGHTON PLATE (3-y-o : £345 : 1m)
00- Aendley (C. Spence), M. W. Easterby, 9-0 .... J. Skilling 11
000- Colditz (R. Spencer), D. Williams, 9-0 .... C. Eccleston 9
Kintore (D. Buttery), J. W. Watts, 9-0 .... J. Lowe 10
002200- Provident (E. Smith), H. Jones, 9-0 .... J. Seagrave 8
00400- Ashingore (F. Lydall), W. Elsey, 8-11 .... J. Matthias 5 1
000- Boating Song (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 8-11 .... E. Johnson 4
3 High Walk (F. Mansford), T. Fairhurst, 8-11 .... H. Leason 3
Hoheria (R. Grey), D. Williams, 8-11 .... P. Eddery 2
202- Hollow Laughter (R. Sangster), F. Carr, 8-11 .... F. Durr 6
0032- Maria Alexandra's (G. Ring), H. Cecil, 8-11 .... L. Brown 7
00- Wild Darry (M. Callander), J. Etherington, 8-11 ....
...-2 Maria Alexandra's, 3-1 Hollow Laughter, 4-1 High Walk, 11-2 Boating Song, 7-1 Ashingore, 10-1 Kintore, 20-1 others.

...0 EVERINGHAM STAKES (£437 : 1¼m)
Astol George (J. Leigh), Leigh, 5-9-5 .... F. Durr 12
3 Jave River (J. Morris), S. Mellor, 6-9-5 .... F. Morby 13
0 Kianl (Mrs Harris), C. Bewicke, 5-9-5 .... J. Reid 5 14
2000-00 Le Lion (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 5-9-5 .... T. Lappin 9
0- The Ridge Cadge (A. Taylor), J. Fitzgerald, 5-9-5 .... T. Ives 11
0- Whitsuncell (Mrs Newton), M. Naughton, 6-9-5 .... E. Hide 16
03224-2 Braerise (G. Payne-Crofts), P. Cole, 5-9-2 .... R. Edmondson 15
00- Taceloy (G. Mayers), E. Collingwood, 5-9-2 .... O. Gray 5 6
0- Ahab (H. Hammer), S. Palmer, 4-9-0 .... B. Connorton 2
Articora (Mrs Fawcett), J. Fitzgerald, 4-9-0 .... G. Oldroyd 1
Barkis (H. Thompson), J. Hardy, 4-9-0 .... C. Moss 4
003030- Farmer's Boy (G. Thornton), S. Hall, 4-9-0 .... J. Seagrave 10
0000-2 King Saul (J. Mitchell), F. Carr, 4-9-0 .... P. Eddery 3
Mostly Music (W. Russell), R. Whitehead, 4-9-0 J. Skilling 7
00023- Somersel (H. Meyer), G. Balding, 4-9-0 .... J. Matthias 5 8
00000-4 Wogan's Wager (P. Coulson), J. Leigh, 4-9-0 .. S. Salmon 5 5
1-4 Braerise, 7-2 King Saul, 5-1 Wogan's Wager, 6-1 Farmer's Boy, 7-1 Jave River, 8-1 Kianl, 10-1 Somersel, 20-1 others.
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...edgefield selections

...5 Celtic Delight. 3.15 Scottish Folly. 3.45 Miles Apart. 4.15 Inglebank. ...5 Most Obliging. 5.15 Miss Goldie.

Ascot results

2.0 (2.3) MERLIN STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £932: 3m)
Forest Rock, br g, by Master Owen—Rocky Forest (P. Wates), 10-11-8 Mr P. Wates (11-10 fav) 1
French Colonist, gr g, by Colonist II—Manicou's Flash (S. Embiricos), 10-11-8 Mr K. Podger (5-1) 2
Caldron, b m, by Karabi—Cheerful Biddy (W. S. Kydd), 6-12-1 Lord Oaksey 10-1 3
ALSO RAN: 14-1 General Diva, Kamcola, Playbill (4th), Shell Streak, 16-1 Kingrullah, Dreamalong. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 11p, 16p, 23p; dual forecast, 32p. A. Wates, at Beare Green. 8l, 8l.

2.35 (2.41) SARDAN HURDLE (Novices: £1,187: 2½m)
Sunboy, b h, by Mourne—Fair Bid (Queen Mother), 6-11-1 W. Smith (7-4) 1
More Scotch, b g, by Dusty Boy—G-String (W. Mackenzie), 6-11-8 P. Berry (5-4 fav) 2
Aldaniti, ch g, by Derek H—Renardeau (S. Embiricos), 5-11-7 R. Champion (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 16-1 Linlam, 20-1 Suffer in Silence, Verdi (4th), 25-1 Romany Boy, 33-1 Sealing, 50-1 Polly Rocket, Anthippos, Langdon Beck, Loose Page, Gay Viking, Sir Waldo. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 11p, 11p, 16p. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 4l, 7l.

3.05 (3.13) SARDAN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,453: 2½m)
Game Spirit, ch g, by Game Rights—Castle (Queen Mother), 9-12-4 W. Smith (4-1) 1
Sommerville, ch g, by Bowsprit—Stella D'Oro (H. Joel), 9-11-10 A. Turnell (13-8 fav) 2
Manlwaki, b g, by Coup De Myth—Pattara (Miss T. Paltemore), 8-9-13 .. Mr R. Linley (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Brusler, Sonny Somers, 14-1 Crisp (4th), Plus Iotrn, 20-1 Red Candle, 25-1 Showmigan, 33-1 Golden Batman. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 15p, 14p, 84p; dual forecast, 30p. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 4l, 4l.

3.55 (3.43) SARDAN HURDLE (£4,294: 3m)
Lanzarote, br g, by Milesian—Slag (Ld H. de Walden), 7-11-12 R. Pitman (6-3) 1
Davy Lad, b g, by David Jack—Chateau (Mrs J. McGowan), 5-11-12 .. D. T. Hughes (8-1) 2
Top Priority, ch g, by Khalkis—High Favour (Maj D. Wigan), 6-11-7 .. R. Champion (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: evens fav Brown Lad, 8-1 Great Dane (4th), 12-1 Movne Royal, 20-1 Supreme Halo, 33-1 Mac's Birthday, 50-1 Complex Girl, Garliestown. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 27p, 32p, 74p; dual forecast, £2.44. F. Winter, at Lambourn. 8l, 2l.

4.10 (4.17) GOLDEN EAGLE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £901: 2½m)
Galloway Edition, b g, by Irish Edition—dam's name unregistered (Mrs F. Harvey), 6-11-3 J. Fox (100-30) 1
Exhibit B, b g, by Vulgan—Rosbrin Rose (F. Manheim), 8-11-3 W. Smith (5-1) 2
King Credo, b g, by Credo—Margerval (R. Hill), 8-11-3 J. King (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Weather Chart (4th), 5-1 Clary, 13-2 Bethpage, 20-1 See-O-Duf, Wishing Morn. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 16p, 41p, 33p; dual forecast, £1.27. G. Balding, at Weyhill. 1½l, 30l.

4.40 (4.47) HEN-HARRIER HURDLE (Handicap: £966: 2m)
Mad Mahdi, b h, by Hill Clown—Lalibela (Mrs D. Meats), 5-11-0 V. Soane (5-1) 1
Harry Zephyr, b g, by Vrrah Jr—Westerly Breeze (Mrs A. Lacey), 6-10-0 .... R. Floyd (4-1 fav) 2
Lyon del Mar, ch h, by Will Somers—Pretest (Gp Capt H. Tudor), 6-10-7 P. McEntee (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Antonius (4th), 6-1 Carille, 12-1 Gillier Song, Setra, 13-1 Giddy Girl, 16-1 Lord Nut, 20-1 Old Smokey, Ardent Portion, Selway. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 42p; places, 25p, 19p, 29p. D. Barons, at Kingsbridge. 3l, 5l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Game Spirit, Galloway Edition, £6.60. TREBLE: Sunyboy, Lanzarote, Mad Mahdi, £12.65. JACKPOT: £135.25

Sedgefield programme

2.45 CROFT HURDLE (Handicap : £272 : 2m)
5 p0002 Black Peter (D. Urwin), J. Vickers, 6-10-12 .... J. Mooney 7
6 0003 Tealing (J. Cousins), Cousins, 11-10-9 .... E. Helliwell 7
7 0pp- Kings Ballad (J. Conn), D. Chapman, 7-10-9 .. D. Turnbull 7
8 021000 Privy Case (H. Whitfield), L. Shedden, 6-10-9 .... T. Stack
10 000021 Celtic Delight (D) (I. Southorn), J. Hardy, 5-10-8 S. Holland
11 0p0030 Skyjack (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), Lady Herries, 7-10-7 P. Broderick
14 204204 River Song (C. Lamb), Lamb, 8-10-6 .... Mr R. Lamb
15 1002-pu Snow Moss (M. Wolff), W. A. Stephenson, 7-10-6 R. Collins 7
16 120221 Cagey Boy (T. Stamper), Stamper, 9-10-5 .. B. Donaghy 7
17 00-0010 Johns Jewel (D) (H. Hetherington), Hetherington, 7-10-3 Mr W. Hetherington 7
18 0002p0 Silver Serenade (D) (J. Cross), B. Cambidge, 8-10-2 D. Wall 7
19 b000 Agylla (Mrs Hayes), M. Goswell, 4-10-0 .... M. Banham 7
20 34p000 See You (Mrs Cutts), J. Turner, 9-10-0 .... Mr N. Tinklers
27 040042 Arthurs Choice (Mrs Eyre), C. Boothman, 5-10-0 P. McCaudie 7
28 000 Naval Whistler (J. Elvin), S. Norton, 4-10-0 .... B. Fletcher
30 000000 Shotgun Wedding (W. Stockdale), A. Potts, 4-10-0 P. Stockdale 7
31 000 Little Glory (J. Cooper), S. Norton, 4-10-0 .... Mr D. Oldham 7
32 0p00-f0 Hunter (B. Sayles), Sayles, 8-10-0 .... B. Sayles 7
33 f0ff0 Wilbenear (K. Elmore), J. Harris, 7-10-0 .... S. A. Taylor
9-4 Celtic Delight, 100-30 Cagey Boy, 9-2 Arthurs Choice, 6-1 Black Peter, 8-1 River Song, 10-1 Skyjack, 12-1 Johns Jewel, 14-1 Tealing, 16-1 others.

3.15 MAINSWORTH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £408 : 2m)
2 211420 Wyse Hill (D) (R. Baker), Denys Smith, 8-12-1 .. A. Dickman
4 043bf2 Scottish Folly (CD) (Mrs Berry), R. Bastiman, 8-11-0 P. Broderick
6 02f13- Sammy's Girl (D) (W. Ransom), Ransom, 6-10-7 Mr P. Greenall 3
7 420f03 Salara Pasha (J. Edmonds), R. Edwards, 6-10-5 M. Blackshaw
8 2423p0 Scotia's Boy (J. Meechan), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-3 T. Stack
10 020324 Canonbie Kay (CD) (Mrs Vernon), J. Berry, 8-10-0 Mr K. Gray 5
11 400004 Proud Paul (D) (F. Gilman), Gilman, 11-10-0 .. T. Casey 5
12 0-00030 Victorian Vision (D) (Mrs Bletsoe), J. Harris, 8-10-0 M. Salaman
14 f103-p0 Galano (W. Chapman), D. Chapman, 9-10-0 .... D. Turnbull 7
2-1 Scottish Folly, 3-1 Wyse Hill, 9-3 Scotia's Boy, 6-1 Victorian Vision, 8-1 Canonbie Key, 10-1 Salara Pasha, 12-1 others.

3.45 KIRK MERRINGTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £408 : 3m 250yds)
1 f21111 Miles Apart (CD) (Mrs Norman), A. Dickinson, 8-12-7 I. Moulton 7
4 22212p China Garden (Mrs Martin), A. Kemp, 9-11-3 .. V. Percival 5
5 022010 Kildrummy (Mrs Green), W. Crawford, 10-11-1 Mr N. Tinkler 5
6 3u4f00 Vulgan's Trout (A. Corner), Corner, 7-10-13 .... P. Broderick
7 342134 Earls Castle (C) (Queen Mother), K. Oliver, 6-10-12 C. Tinkler
8 000430 The Celestial Traveller (CD) (H. Lane), Mrs J. Simpson, 13-10-9 .. A. Meaney
9 Mr Toad (C. Lamb), Lamb, 13-10-7 .... Mr R. Lamb
10 002p04 Collingwood (Mrs Tombs), M. Naughton, 9-10-6 .. C. Hawkins 7
12 303412 Lucky Victory (T. Hutchinson), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-0 T. Stack
14 3-0p00 Drumsill House (Mrs Brown), Denys Smith, 10-10-0 A. Dickman
7-4 Miles Apart, 3-1 The Celestial Traveller, 4-1 Earls Castle, 6-1 Lucky Victory, China Garden, 8-1 Kildrummy, 10-1 Collingwood, 14-1 others.

4.15 PETERLEE HURDLE (Div I : Novices : £272 : 2½m)
1 3013 Hereward (B. Perry), J. Hardy, 4-11-12 .... S. Holland
2 00 Fratica (D. Earl), W. Haigh, 7-11-10 .... P. A. Charlton 7
3 100322 Inglebank (W. Kirby), B. Wilkinson, 7-11-10 .... B. Fletcher
5 0200 Nautilus (H. Blackshaw), Blackshaw, 6-11-10 .... M. Blackshaw
6 14-000 Ready Reckoner (A. Mactaggart), Mactaggart, 6-11-10 C. Griffin
8 04 Boolavonga (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 5-11-9 .. T. Stack
9 403003 Coparu (R. Jackson), T. Barnes, 5-11-9 .... M. Barnes
10 00034 Gold Escort (P. Greenall), W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-9 Mr P. Greenall 3
11 020p Indian Gudja (M. Vernon), Mrs J. Simpson, 5-11-9 .. A. Meaney
12 0400 Kilgoris (R. Nisbet), L. Shedden, 5-11-9 .... D. Munro
13 3003 Pride of Piwcca (Mrs Lewis), J. Bradley, 5-11-9 M. Williams 7
14 024030 So Ray (M. Dickinson), P. Feigate, 5-11-9 .... I. Watkinson
15 Crane Moor (P. Burke), S. Norton, 4-11-2 .... S. Wiles 7
17 0p00 Miss Forte (T. Jones), C. Jones, 4-11-2 .... A. Markham
18 0000 Sarouk (T. Wingett), H. Morris, 4-11-2 .... P. Morris
3-1 Hereward, 4-1 Boolavonga, 9-2 Inglebank, 6-1 Gold Escort, 8-1 Coparu, Crane Moor, 10-1 Pride of Piwcca, 12-1 So Ray, 14-1 others.

4.45 HETTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices : £340 : 2m)
3 43401f Sir Mago (M. Mackenzie), J. Hardy, 8-12-3 .... S. Holland
5 30f410 Aucklander (N. Chamberlain), Chamberlain, 10-11-12 B. Fletcher
6 000 Bing Lady (F. Gilman), Gilman, 7-11-12 .... T. Casey 5
7 u0 Chief Yeoman (A. Mackay), K. Oliver, 7-11-12 .. C. Tinkler
13 303p00 Headship (Mrs M. Green), W. Crawford, 7-11-12 .. R. Barry
15 0-1300b Mullacrow (J. Lovell), A. Dickinson, 6-11-12 .. I. Moulton 7
17 p00000 Narak (Mrs S. Norton), Norton, 8-11-12 .... S. Wiles 7
18 232-43f Nice Palm (F. Wardle), W. Hall, 7-11-12 .... Mr D. Greaves
19 0000- Nordell (R. Lloyd), Lloyd, 8-11-12 .... Mr A. Lloyd 7
21 0f000- Rough Diamond (J. Dodds), Dodds, 6-11-12 .... D. Moorhead
23 210002 Salmo Lady (C. Lamb), Lamb, 7-11-12 .... Mr R. Lamb
25 224300 Stars Monty (H. Lane), Mrs J. Simpson, 9-11-12 A. Meaney
29 034b22 Most Obliging (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 5-11-5 G. Faulkner 7
30 444004 Octave (A. Kemp), Kemp, 6-11-5 .... V. Percival 5
31 Prince Bay (Ld Petersham), W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-5 Mr S. Stanhope
32 00-400f Royal Joke (J. Newdegate), G. Owen, 5-11-5 .. J. T. Bourke
5-2 Sir Mago, 100-30 Salmo Lady, 9-3 Most Obliging, 6-1 Octave, 7-1 Aucklander, 10-1 Nice Palm, 12-1 Headship, 16-1 others.

5.15 PETERLEE HURDLE (Div II : Novices : £272 : 2½m)
1 4f2010 Miss Goldie (I. Maddocks), J. Bradley, 4-11-12 M. Williams 7
5 000000 Gold Prince (R. Bethell), Bethell, 6-11-10 .... G. Holmes
7 403p00 Lemon Tree (Mrs E. Cameron), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-10 T. Stack
9 p Rossiair (B. Sayles), Sayles, 7-11-10 .... Mr R. Simms 7
10 00p Undercliffe (Exors of late W. Simpson), Mrs Simpson, 6-11-10 A. Meaney
11 0 Bubble Brook (J. Parker), A. Dickinson, 6-11-9 I. Moulton 7
14 330020 Miss Milford (R. Hall), C. Boothman, 5-11-9 Mr P. McCardle 7
15 00 Peckforton Gap (Mrs Dunn), G. Owen, 5-11-9 .. J. T. Bourke
17 2p4200 Torso (Miss Johnston), Mrs Chesmore, 5-11-9 .... P. Brogan
18 020040 Tudor Court (F. Smith), L. Shedden, 5-11-9 .... P. Salmon 7
19 000002 Vignette (A. Graham), T. Barnes, 5-11-9 .... M. Barnes
23 0402f1 Double Pearl (W. Jackson), M. W. Easterby, 4-11-3 C. Tinkler
26 0 Song of Norton (J. Redfern), Redfern, 4-11-2 Mr R. Redfern 7
2-1 Vignette, 3-1 Miss Goldie, 9-2 Lemon Tree, 6-1 Double Pearl, 8-1 Torso, 10-1 Miss Milford, 12-1 others.

...dlow results

(2.2) LEINTWARDINE HURDLE (£306: 2m 1f 30yd)
...g Gipsy, b g, by Sky Gipsy—...osephine (J. Adam), 5-11-11 K. B. White (9-1) 1
...py Call, br g, by Town Crier—...rench Laughter (G. Tonkinson), ...-10-7 .... M. James (7-1) 2
...ly's Mate, b h, by Counsel—...iretel (B. Perrett), 6-11-6 L. Griffiths (11-4 fav) 3
...LSO RAN: 6-1 Smackers, Golden ...lor, 8-1 Twilight Echo, 10-1 Bell...s, 13-1 Finmoss (4th), 14-1 ...a, 33-1 Clansman, Gentle Daisy, ...y Sam, Sobright, Sweet Solo, Blue ...s, Kinsclere, Moss Way. 17 ran. ...OTE: Win, 63p; places, 21p, 35p, ... G. Peter Hobbes, at Manton. ... 1½l. Duke Ride did not run.

...0 (2.32) WESTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: 6-y-o: £506: 2m)
...marans, b g, by Comedfast—Stalmo's Artist (W. A. Stephenson), 11-10 T. Stack (2-1 jt fav) 1
Barrow Chief, br g, by Indian Ruler—Averena (Mrs M. Atkin), 11-10 .... John Williams (7-2) 2
Jolly Sailor, ch h, by Galivanter—Starboard Beam (J. Barlow), 11-3 .... J. Barlow (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 jt fav Mr Savin, 25-1 Gervic, 33-1 Mary Joan, Stirhado, 50-1 Antoni H, Arcticality, Autumn Rambler, County Clare, Doris Army, Friendly Valley (4th), Moonlight Gambler. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 15p, 16p, 23p. W. A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auckland. 4l, 5l. Medina Prince did not run.

3.0 (3.0) OAKLY PARK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £816: 2m)
Traite de Paix, b h, by Misti IV—La Paix (A. Grogan), 7-10-5 S. A. Taylor (8-2) 1
Darlesa, b g, by Dalesa—Dornavelle (A. McIndoe), 7-11-10 T. Stack (9-4 fav) 2
Black Andrew, b or br g, by Targogan—Queen of the Winds (Lady C. Spencer-Churchill), 7-10-0 .... A. Branford (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Golden Sol, 15-2 Polymic, 8-1 Master Eye (4th), 33-1 Clarmoneux, Escile. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 15p, 15p, 13p; dual forecast, 43p. A. Jarvis, at Coventry. 7l, 1½l. Carrynagree did not run.

3.30 (3.31) EARDISTON HURDLE (Handicap: £544: 2m 1f 30yd)
Vellka, ch f, by Salvo—Malrina (I. Maddocks), 4-10-2 M. Williams (20-1) 1
Soma Hazard, b g, by Savairao—Ruscom (W. Whitbread), 10-10-13 .... K. B. White (9-1) 2
Clear Pearl, ch m, said to be by Clear Run—Prarl White (R. R. Jones), 9-10-7 Mr P. Jones (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-8 jt favs Starnigo, Cloud Park, 6-1 Village Thief, 10-1 Mr Bolangles, 11-1 Snace Boy (4th), Ithenl, 12-1 Great Freda, Mell Melo, 13-1 Co-Partner, 16-1 Grey Dove, Crazy Guy, Medway Melody, 20-1 Cherry God, Twilight Hay, Uncle Monty, 33-1 Hocket, Plaza, Lanny Green, Arctic John, Manor House, Baladino. 24 ran.
TOTE: Win, £3.06; places, 65p, 67p, £1.54, 54p. J. Bradley, at Chepstow. 6l, 1l.

4.0 (4.0) BURWARTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £519: 3m)
Super Slave, b g, by Arctic Slave—Benvoy Owl (Mrs A. Wood), 7-10-0 .... G. Thorner (16-1) 1
Ecarte, ch m, by Escart III—Vacance (J. Valks), 8-10-5 F. Stack (8-10) 2
Cleo Baby, b m, by Dicta Drake—Floral Star (Mrs D. Willis), 7-10-0 .... S. May (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-1 Dragon Hill (4th), 10-1 Sea Drake, 13-1 Klipspringer, 20-1 Christmas Tree, Churchlands, 33-1 Tinkers Green, 50-1 Pennine, Leonardslee, Fango, Blue Pen, Black Rachel. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.58; places, 26p, 15p, 20p. T. Forster, at Wantage. Nk, 30l.

4.30 (4.30) COURT OF HILL HURDLE (£379: 2m 1f 30yd)
Hamswell, b g, by Narrator—Vulgan's Moll (Judith Lady Dulverton), 6-11-7 G. Thorner (8-11) 1
Bird of Prey, b g, by Falcon—Chivalrous (H. Joel), 8-11-3 S. C. Knight (11-4) 2
Railway Child, ch g, by Charlottesville Flyer—Fair Maid (T. Kitson), 5-11-0 M. Salaman (50-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Flintstone (4th), 66-1 Domira, Delcion. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 14p, 39p, dual forecast, 28p. T. A. Forster, at Wantage. 30l, ½l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Traite De Paix, Super Slave, £26.60. TREBLE: Guisterane, Vellka, Hamswell, £78.15.

PARLIAMENT, April 10, 1975

Anti-terrorism: unwise to allow Act to lapse at end of May

House of Commons

MR HOOLEY (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab) asked the Home Secretary for a statement on the Government's intentions on the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

MR ROY JENKINS (Birmingham, Stechford, Lab)—I have not reached a final decision. But my present view is that it would be unwise to allow the Act to lapse at the end of May. I have no intention, however, of asking Parliament to keep the Act in operation longer than necessary.

MR HOOLEY—After the Birmingham bomb outrage it was understandable that the House rushed through legislation. It is not appropriate to legislate on such a sensitive area as civil liberties in that manner.

If we are to prolong this legislation, would it not be better to have a new Bill, debated and considered in full in committee, with proper regard to appeal procedures?

MR JENKINS—I would agree if I were contemplating legislation of this sort becoming a permanent part of the statutory law. With a fragile ceasefire, it would be rash to allow the Act to lapse and then discover one was back in more difficult circumstances in a short time.

But I regard this as essentially temporary legislation, and renewal every six months will not be a formality.

MR POWELL (South Down, UUUC)—Last November the House warmly welcomed Mr Jenkins' undertaking that if and when this order came to be renewed after six months, he would not necessarily renew it in the same form, after taking account of experience.

MR JENKINS—It was in no way an absolute undertaking. I said it did not mean we would legislate again, but would consider whether alterations were so required as to make legislation more desirable than renewal by order.

If I were persuaded it was right to make alterations, I would consider whether to renew by legislation, rather than by order. I will consider that matter in consultation with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (Mr Rees).

MR GOULD (Southampton, Test, Lab)—His decision will arise largely on security considerations but will he pay attention to the plight of families broken up as a result of exclusion of husbands and fathers?

Many of those families are well established in this country, with children born here, and have more difficulties than if the men had been convicted of an ordinary offence after a trial and were imprisoned.

MR JENKINS—I do not lightly endorse exclusion orders. The total number removed from the United Kingdom is only 33. I have made 44 orders but some were revoked and some applied to people already outside this island.

I bear in mind the disruption to families. I also bear in mind the greater disruption to families when somebody is killed in a terrorist act. While the numbers who have been removed are fewer than those killed by terrorists, I do not think I could be accused of using the Act loosely or excessively.

MR MATHER (Esher, C)—Has not the Act been of great assistance to the police, and has it not also had a deterrent effect on potential terrorists?

MR JENKINS—As to the latter point, it is difficult to judge. It has been of assistance to the police in dealing with a particular position. It has assisted the Metropolitan and other police forces. It has been fully justified in the circumstances of the last few months. That does not mean I would regard it as a legitimate permanent part of our legislation.

Hanratty verdict correct: QC's findings must be the end of the question

MR WHITEHEAD (Derby, North, Lab) asked if the Home Secretary had received the report by Mr Lewis Hawser, QC, into the Hanratty case.

MR ROY JENKINS (Birmingham, Stechford, Lab)—I have received Mr Hawser's report and it is being published today. I am most grateful to him for undertaking this onerous task and for the time and care he has given to it.

The report examines all the important issues raised in the case, including the identification evidence and the alibis. After thorough analysis of all the available material, Mr Hawser has concluded that there is no reason to doubt the correctness of the jury's verdict.

I accept this independent assessment and I hope that now, nearly 14 years after the event, MPs will do so too. (Cheers.)

MR WHITEHEAD—Unlike the press, I have only had five minutes to study the document. They were ringing up people last night with some consequent distress.

While we must all thank Mr Hawser for his detailed investigation and study it carefully, the conclusions will be a matter of profound grief to the Hanratty family.

Those who have campaigned for so long on this matter will wish for further evidence, first as to why Miss Storie's first identification was not used in the court hearings and not made available at the time of the trial and secondly, publication of documents 1 to 11 in the Hawser report.

MR JENKINS—This report was issued as is common practice with governments of all parties to the press, under embargo in advance. It appears that the embargo was not respected by some members of the press—I greatly regret that was so—and apparently they rang up members of the family. This is highly undesirable and bound to call into question whether one can issue reports in this way.

I understand the deep feeling of Mr Whitehead and many other people and the family. I must also have in mind, and have had in mind throughout, that what is certain in this case is that a lady who is still alive had her companion shot beside her and suffered grave personal injury.

I have not been prepared, and am not prepared, to set up all the time, trouble and difficulty of an adversarious process, causing her again to be put in the witness box subject to cross-examination for a long period, having this dreadful incident in her life revived, unless there was some independent indication that the verdict was ill-founded.

That has been gone into by a QC of the highest repute and he has found strongly to the contrary.

I am afraid that so far as I am concerned that must be the end of the question. (Renewed cheers.)

ICI directors should replace dogs in smoking experiment—Labour MP

SIR JOHN EDEN (Bournemouth, West, C) asked the Home Secretary for a further statement about his investigation into the use of dogs in experiments to develop new smoking materials.

DR SHIRLEY SUMMERSKILL, Under Secretary, Home Office (Halifax, Lab)—The following have accepted the Home Secretary's invitation to join the advisory committee on the administration of the Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876: Mr Hardy (Rother Valley, Lab), Mrs Peggy Fenner, Professor G. R. Dunstan, and Mrs Mary Warnock.

SIR J. EDEN—When does she expect to get the report of the advisory committee and will she not meanwhile suspend this grotesque experiment by withdrawing her licence from it? (Cheers.)

DR SUMMERSKILL—The answer to the first part is—the earliest possible moment when the committee can report. Clearly they cannot anticipate exactly how long they will take to carry out their inquiries. I do not think it would be right to anticipate the results of the committee's inquiries.

MR MOLLOY (Ealing, North, Lab)—Confirmed reports of these experiments have caused grave disquiet and considerable offence to many people. (Cheers.) She is not prepared to act until told by someone about these experiments which the majority represent as being both evil and disgraceful.

DR SUMMERSKILL—I can appreciate the strong feelings that exist. It is because there is strong feeling on both sides that the committee is being asked to look at the subject. The purpose of the inquiry is to establish some recommendations from a group of distinguished people who will take a great deal of time and trouble to look into the matter.

MR BURDEN (Gillingham, C)—The repugnance in which this experiment is held is reflected by the fact that over 170 MPs, none of whom are opposed to all vivisection, have asked that the experiment should be brought to an end.

The time has come when the whole sphere of the use of animals in laboratories must be investigated and licensing tightened up considerably.

DR SUMMERSKILL—The advisory committee was set up for the very purpose of looking into experiment which present particular or unusual difficulties or controversy. It is for that purpose that these experiments have been submitted to the committee.

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab)—These experiments are conducted on the initiative of ICI. Would it not be a good idea, if they want to find out what are the deleterious effects of continuous smoking, for the ICI directors to take the place of the dogs?

DR SUMMERSKILL—No doubt the committee will look into that point. (Laughter.)

Referendum likely to be on June 5: complications too great to give civilians abroad the chance to vote

MR SHORT, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, Lab), moving the second reading of the Referendum Bill, said he hoped there was widespread agreement in the House that the referendum should be held as early as possible so as to keep to a minimum the period of uncertainty over membership; to avoid an over-long campaign; and to miss the holiday season if possible.

There was, however, a problem in Scotland about a referendum early in June. The new Scottish regional authorities elected last year and which would be responsible for the conduct of the poll there, did not formally take office until May 16.

I very much hope (he said) they can overcome the difficulties which this will cause. If they are able to overcome these difficulties and provided this Bill gets Royal Assent in time, it is our intention that the referendum should be held on Thursday, June 5, with the result on Sunday evening, June 8.

June 5 has another advantage to MPs. By arranging for the Whitsun recess to run from May 26 to June 6 we can make it much easier for MPs to play a full part in the closing stages of the campaign.

If we are to hold the referendum on June 5 (he said) we need to obtain Royal Assent by about May 8. That, in turn, means we must aim if possible to complete all the stages of the Bill in this House in the week beginning April 21. I realize this is a tight timetable but it is well worth trying to achieve it.

He had tabled two amendments to the Bill making special arrangements for Servicemen and their wives to vote in person in their units. Some 400,000 were entitled to be on the register but some 300,000 had not registered, although they were entitled to.

As things stand (he said) they would have no vote. We have been able to make arrangements enabling Servicemen and their wives to vote in their units. (Cheers.) The present proxy voting arrangements for Servicemen abroad will be cancelled. Those in this country will be able, if they prefer, to vote instead in person or by postal vote.

Some MPs wanted other British people working abroad to have that opportunity. (Cheers.) We have not (he said) been able to find practicable ways of solving the major problems involved. All civilians overseas who are registered will be able to vote by proxy.

To make special arrangements for them to vote in some other way would be a far more difficult problem than making special arrangements in the Services. (Conservative protests and shouts of "Why?") In the case of the Services, we are relying heavily on the good administration and good discipline of the units to carry out this difficult exercise.

To extend the franchise to cover people abroad who were not at present entitled to register would raise major issues. (Protests.) It would be far from easy to decide where to draw the line.

Moreover (he continued) the setting up and validating of a supplementary register would be a formidable task. There would be a serious risk of error and of bringing our electoral machinery into disrepute. (Loud Conservative laughter.) The problems in doing this are insoluble. I assure the House I have looked at it with great care.

Labour MPs would be allowed a free vote during committee stage of the Bill on whether there should be central or county counting of votes. He was convinced it should be central. To ally the cause of separation for Scotland or Wales with the referendum was a dangerous distortion of the referendum issue.

He was confident of getting sufficient people to do the count. Estimates of the time it would take had gone down as planning had continued.

The Bill provided for a national counting officer. He would be, if the House approved, Sir Philip Allen, Permanent Under Secretary at the Home Office until he retired in 1972.

At the Government's request Sir Philip would be visiting Scotland in a few days and would discuss with the Scottish Office and local authorities concerned how the problems arising from local government reorganization might be overcome.

On the question of grants to the campaigning organizations, agreement had been reached with the two main organizations that each would prepare a short statement of their case which would be printed at the Government's expense and delivered to every household in the last week of May, at the same time as the popular version of the White Paper.

The Government thought it right to make grants of £125,000 to each of the two organizations. This was desirable if they were to achieve a fair balance between the two sides. There would be a requirement to disclose all income and expenditure for the whole period from the day of the publication of the Bill.

The Bill excluded all possibility of challenging the results of the referendum in the courts or of forcing a recount. This provision was vital to prevent frivolous challenge or delay in reaching a decision of United Kingdom membership—delay which would have grave economic effects.

The Government considered that exclusion of challenge through the courts was essential. As any allegations against the Government could be pursued in Parliament where the result would be considered at the highest court in the land, they thought the clause on this was acceptable.

This did not exempt anyone accused of an offence under the Act or order from the normal legal processes.

He had tabled an amendment providing that he rather than the Home Secretary should be responsible for the order. This was because they felt this would be a more appropriate arrangement as he was dealing with the Bill and Mr Jenkins was president of the Britain in Europe Campaign although he doubted whether anyone seriously thought that he mattered. (Laughter.)

After all, Home Secretaries had not notably been inhibited from playing a part in elections in the past. But on consideration they thought this was the better way to do it.

If they were able to hold the referendum it was overwhelmingly in the interests of the country and the EEC partners that it should be held as quickly as possible and that it should be conducted efficiently and with complete fairness. That was what the Bill sought to provide.

Home Secretary not in pop festival business

DR GLYN (Windsor and Maidenhead, C) asked what progress the Home Secretary had made in his consideration of alternative national sites for a free pop festival in view of the representations made to him about the fear of a breakdown of law and order by residents in the Windsor area.

MR ROY JENKINS—I regret that so far no alternative site suitable to all concerned has been found.

DR GLYN—I am grateful to the Home Secretary for his efforts to find an alternative site. I cannot blame him for the fact that the organizers turned down the most recent suitable site on the ground that it might be offensive to their unclothed devotees. (Laughter.)

Is he aware of the deep feelings should this festival be held again in Windsor? Would he not agree it would be better to make sure it was dealt with on the first day rather than allow an illegal action to go on until 6,000 people are present and there is no change of the police taking appropriate action?

MR JENKINS—Although I have endeavoured to use my good offices to see if a site could be found which would avoid the likelihood of difficulties similar to those which occurred at the end of August last year, as Home Secretary I am not in the pop festival organization business. It is no part of my duties to provide a site and I have no legal authority to say where pop festivals should or should not be held.

If there is an attempt for it to take place again in Windsor Great Park the question of dealing with that is for the Crown Estates Commissioners who are the landlords there, and for the Chief Constable of the Thames Valley Police. The Home Secretary has no authority to give any chief constable directions on matters of law enforcement.

MR ALAN LEE WILLIAMS (Havering, Hornchurch, Lab)—In view of the obvious difficulty here would it not be a good idea to suggest to the pop organizers that they hold these festivals on a remote island, perhaps off the coast of Scotland? (A cry of "Scilly Isles").

MR JENKINS—There might be a difficulty about locating it on a particular island. As the organizers have so far indicated they wish to keep fairly close to Windsor I am not sure this would be satisfactory. (Laughter.)

Ministers with views rejected by House

MR LAWSON (Blaby, C) asked the Prime Minister if, bearing in mind that on September 18 last year the Chancellor of the Exchequer told the House that 25 per cent of those who had settled since July had received increases outside the TUC guidelines, he could say what the comparable figure was now and how it compared with the 43 per cent of the Parliamentary Labour Party who were good enough to follow him into the lobby last night.

MR HAROLD WILSON (Huyton, Lab)—The question, which was no doubt carefully prepared, obviously flopped. (Labour cheers.) The question of compliance with guidelines is the subject of frequent statements by ministers.

I have not noticed from the Opposition benches at any time expressions of satisfaction and pleasure when difficult industrial situations have been resolved, including the London dockers who are facing great anxiety about the loss of dock employment.

I commend to him the wise words of his front bench finance spokesman (Mr David Howell) who warned his party about drifting into a neurosis about trade union pay claims and that trying to take on the unions over pay would be fighting the wrong battle in the wrong war. Would Mr Lawson agree with this, and does the Leader of the Opposition agree with it?

MR THORPE (North Devon, L)—Since Mr Wilson's excellent speech at Taunton dealt with jobs and full employment and since he has powers of hiring and firing people in jobs, would he tell us, in the light of Monday's guidelines whereby questions are likely to be transferred from unreliable ministers to reliable ones, whether certain dissenting ministers will have their questions transferred to politically reliable ministers, and whether he will put those ministers on half pay or declare them redundant and replace them with ministers who can do a full day's work for a full day's pay in the national interest?

MR WILSON—Unlike Mr Heath, the former leader of the Conservative Party a year ago, I have never thought for a moment of hiring Mr Thorpe even unpaid. (Laughter.)

I have made clear the position of ministers. If he wants to go on leading his party which is hardly delighted with him for his frivolity in political matters, it is a matter for them. It does not concern the rest of the House.

MRS THATCHER, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—If ministers stay in office when their views are rejected by a substantial majority of this house, how can they be said to be accountable to a sovereign Parliament?

MR WILSON—We now know how Mrs Thatcher stayed in office for three and a half years and did not agree with a decision they made, or if there were one or two, perhaps one day she will get up and say what they were.

I have made plain that all ministers are doing a full job of work with their departmental responsibilities. Perhaps now Mrs Thatcher will say whether she agrees with Mr Howell.

Price sisters' transfer to Ulster not premature

During questions about transfer of the Price sisters to Northern Ireland,

MR LAWSON (Blaby, C) asked the Home Secretary: Might it not have been better if he had made a statement to the Commons at the time of the transfer? Does he not feel, in the light of the renewed outbreak of violence in the Province, that the transfer was perhaps, to say the least, premature?

MR ROY JENKINS—No, I do not think so, on either point. We announced the transfer as soon as it had taken place. One would never announce a transfer before or while it was taking place.

I made clear to the House last June that I intended to transfer these two sisters before the end of 1974, subject to there being no great outbreak of violence or deterioration in the security position. Clearly these conditions did not prevail towards the end of 1974.

I believed, in consultation with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (Mr Rees) that they had come to prevail and judged that the time for the transfer was right.

MR BIGGS-DAVISON (Epping Forest, C)—While it is desirable that long-term prisoners should be as near as possible to relatives, is he satisfied that the safety of Armagh women's prison is satisfactory?

There is some outcry in Republican no less than in Loyalist circles that these prisoners have been treated more favourably than others. What is his attitude going to be to other prisoners from Northern Ireland serving sentences here?

MR JENKINS—I have to consider all cases on their individual merits. I made two or three further transfers in the course of this week. I have no further transfers in prospect at the moment. Cases have to be considered in relation to security and compassionate considerations in combination.

I have always made clear that I was not prepared to consider the Price sisters in total isolation from other prisoners. I also made clear before the crisis of last May and June that I believed at some stage they should serve the bulk of their sentences in Ireland.

MR McCUSKER (Armagh, UUUC)—The release of these terrorists may become a priority for the Provisionals. What measures did he take to satisfy himself that Armagh jail is sufficiently secure to prevent this?

MR JENKINS—Security in Armagh and other jails in Northern Ireland is a matter for Mr Rees. I would not have proceeded without consultation with him.

Eight or nine years ago I lived through too many prison escapes in this country ever to be able to make any absolute statement about anything. But though Armagh jail, like others, has had its troubles, it has not been notable for escapes.

MR GILMOUR (Chesham and Amersham, C)—As there is more violence in Northern Ireland, would it not be good for him to say there will be no further transfers until there is full resumption of peaceful conditions there?

MR JENKINS—It is a mistake to lay down absolute conditions. I have said. I have no further transfers in mind.

Opposition condemn 'wretched measure'

MR PEYTON, Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs (Yeovil, C), said the Opposition regarded the Bill as a wretched little measure. There was a good deal of irony in the reflection, after last night's events, that this device or dodge of the referendum should have been dreamed up in order to preserve the unity of the Labour Party and without too much concern as to what the consequences would be either for the country or for Parliament.

A negative answer to the referendum would totally confound Britain's friends and do nothing but lasting damage to its reputation throughout the world.

The Opposition deplored that the Government had been unable, presumably because of lack of foresight, to provide for votes for those who worked overseas.

It would be desirable for the considerable powers given to the Lord President under the Bill to be subject to effective review by Parliament. Mr Short had said it was vital to prevent frivolous challenge. He (Mr Peyton) conceded that, but he did not concede in any way that there could be any justification for allowing no possibility of serious challenge.

The suggestion that any allegations against the Government as to the conduct of the referendum could be pursued in Parliament was intolerable and showed Mr Short's lack of understanding of the constitution of his own country. It would be a bad precedent for ministers to attempt to set up Parliament as a judge of what it had itself meant and how its meaning had been implemented.

This was a trivial measure. The whole idea of a referendum was damaging to Parliament, damaging to the country and damaging to the Labour Party, although he took the last less seriously.

This is a bad measure (he said) enshrining a thoroughly bad procedure of a referendum. I hope the Government will go through such a nasty experience with it that they will never turn their hands to it again. Even more, I trust they will never have an opportunity. (Conservative cheers.)

MR STEEL (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L) said the measure was cumbersome and defective. Particularly after last night's vote the exercise was a delusion on the public.

It was not the case that the public had to decide the case for Britain's membership. That was decided last night by a free vote. There were many circumstances in which even if the vote went against Britain's membership the decision last night would still stand.

Parliament, for example, on a 50 per cent vote in the referendum with a 0.5 per cent majority on one side would not reverse the decision it took last night. The whole exercise was a £9m fraud on the British people. The bill ought to be paid by Transport House.

One Liberal proposal was that polling day should be a public holiday. No one had any idea how enthusiastic or otherwise the public would be about this exercise. If the referendum was to be held, it had better be made as easy as possible for people to cast their vote.

In this exercise they were in uncharted waters. It would be better not to proceed at all. A referendum could not do anything that Parliament could not do and Parliament could reject anything that a referendum might do.

MR ENGLISH (Nottingham, West, Lab) said the Bill was unfair in some ways because the Government—and he used the word advisedly—were to put to the electorate a popular version of the White Paper. A Government of 16 people in the Cabinet, whose fellow ministers underneath them by a majority disagreed with them, had decided to spend a vast sum of public money on one side of the campaign. The Government intended bias in their favour to the tune of masses of taxpayers' money.

MR MICHAEL McNAIR-WILSON (Newbury, C) said the Prime Minister was having to give in to the cabal who were seeking to change the policies of the tion, not by democratic majority but by power bargaining, by once again going to the nation on this spurious referendum.

MR EDMUND MARSHALL (Goole, Lab) said there would be practical difficulties in having a central count. If it were to carry on over the three days and the counters were allowed to go home at night, would there be a security problem? Would not the press and others be telephoning them to ask how the count was going?

MR GODBER (Grantham, C) said the Government were weakening Parliament for inadequate reasons. That was the basic reason for opposing the referendum. With this manoeuvre, the Government were causing grave damage to international relations. There would be grave uncertainty until it was over.

A "No" vote would be disastrous and even a "Yes" vote would leave many scars. Many economic and industrial decisions were being held up pending the decision.

MR HENDERSON East Aberdeenshire, Scot Nat) said if MPs continued to say the people could not understand the issue, that they were not to be trusted, then the electorate would lose confidence in MPs. The sovereignty of the people was the overriding priority and he congratulated the referendum decision.

As to the incredible proposal for central counting, the vote would be discovered, whether by opinion polls or other ways. Surely it was better for it to be discovered in the correct and accurate way.

MR MACMILLAN (Farnham, C) said there should be some recognition on the ballot paper that the nation had signed and ratified a treaty and that therefore the question being asked was whether Britain in these circumstances should leave the Community.

MR THOMAS ELLIS (Wrexham, Lab) said the referendum enabled the Government to say, "For my next trick I shall perform the impossible". The Government faced a problem of democracy not previously experienced.

MR WISLEY (Caernarvon, Pl Cymru) said the nub of the problem was the question of sovereignty. It did not come through God but through the people. At a general election the people transferred their sovereign power to MPs and if there was to be a referendum the issue went back to the people.

By definition the MP became not a representative but a delegate and for that reason it was essential that the referendum count should be on a constituency basis. The count should be binding on the MP because at that point he became a delegate for the people.

MR GOODHART (Bromley, Beckenham, C) said that it would be ludicrous if the Government decided it had a mandate to take the country out of the EEC if fewer than 50 per cent of the electorate bothered to vote.

If it were later proposed to have a directly elected European Parliament, he hoped that would be put to a referendum. A referendum could be a buttress and a safeguard for parliamentary democracy rather than its enemy.

MR MACFARQUHAR (Belper, Lab) said he was prepared to accept the concept of a simple majority: that one vote might decide, but he did not want it to be one vote in a derisorily low poll. The Government should consider seriously whether a poll lower than 60 per cent, certainly 50 per cent, should be considered binding.

Mr Stonehouse: next move with committee

After next week's business had been announced,

MR WHITEHEAD (Derby, North, Lab) asked for a debate on the select committee report on Mr John Stonehouse (Walsall, North, Lab).

We understand that legal proceedings might go on for many months (he said) and there is a possibility that the electors of Walsall, North, might be disfranchised for more than a year.

MR EDWARD SHORT, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the Commons (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, Lab)—I have great sympathy with what he says, but the next initiative is for the select committee.

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)—Will Mr Short be prepared to have another look at this to see that the House has a chance to debate the report of the select committee?

Many Labour MPs are more than a little concerned about the way in which the select committee have reported and would like to give them some fresh instructions. The longer this process goes on the more Mr Stonehouse's pockets are being lined with the cheque book journalist's fees from the Rupert Murdoch stables and others.

MR SHORT—This has become more difficult in the past few weeks. The next initiative must come from the select committee.

PO Christmas staff need to be screened

MR RICHARD MITCHELL (Southampton, Itchen, Lab) asked the Home Secretary what police information was given to the Post Office about applicants for casual employment at Christmas.

MR ROY JENKINS, in a written reply, said: No information is given to anyone, however responsible unless there are strong considerations of public interest which justify departure from this general rule.

But the Post Office have a special problem in that once a year a large number of casual staff has to be recruited over a very short period, and there is insufficient time to follow the usual course of taking up references before offering employment.

These staff have access both to the mails and to the working procedures of the Post Office, and, after careful consideration I am satisfied that in the interest of security they need to be screened.

I am therefore asking chief officers of police to cooperate with local postmasters in checking the previous convictions, if any, of applicants for these posts. The decision whether to offer employment will continue to rest with the Post Office.

As at present an applicant will be asked to disclose on the application form details of any previous convictions and will be left in no doubt that a check may be made.

North Sea reserves worth £100,000m

House of Lords

LORD BALOGH, Minister of State for Energy, moving the second reading of the Oil Taxation Bill, said the new tax system was difficult to despise and had to satisfy two important aims: a fair share of the profits accruing to the oil companies directly from the exploitation of the North Sea, irrespective of the results of operations elsewhere, and at the same time not deter operations in less favoured fields.

It had to be sufficiently high to secure for the United Kingdom a substantial share of the very large windfall profits. The Government had succeeded in both respects.

The backbone of the new system was the Petroleum Revenue Tax (PRT) which would be the first charge on profits after royalty payments.

The Bill was a means of securing for the nation a fair share of the rent of this magnificent gift of nature to the British nation.

If, as was possible, the recoverable reserves were more than 3,000 million tons and the gas equivalent to 1,000 million tons of oil, they could expect a gross value at present prices of over £100,000m. It was expected that the overall Government take from PRT, corporation tax, and royalties would amount to something over 70 per cent, undiscounted, of the companies' net revenues, although the proportion would vary from field to field.

The take from a large field after the first few years could be well above 70 per cent. The total Government take between now and 1980 could be in the region of £3,000m to £4,000m of which PRT would amount to something like £900m to £1,300m.

During the early 1980s the Government take might be of the order of £2,000m to £3,000m a year, of which PRT might amount to £800m to £1,200m. As PRT was a prior charge allowable against corporation tax, the yield from the latter would be lower than it otherwise would have been. With corporation tax at 52 per cent the net additional take resulting from PRT would be just under half the actual amounts of PRT.

LORD CAMPBELL of CROY (C), for the Opposition, said the Government had landed an inappropriate tax structure on the offshore oil industry.

The tax favoured the large prolific oilfields and large companies and discouraged work in marginal fields and the operations of the smaller companies.

As supplies from the Middle East could not be depended upon, it was vital in the national interest for them to win all the oil which could practicably be extracted in the next six years. Thereafter they should be self-sufficient.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Limited Bill was read the third time and passed.

House adjourned, 8.27 pm.

Next week's business

TUESDAY: Malta Republic Bill and Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, third reading. Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, second reading. Motion to take note of report of EEC committee on applicability of directives.

WEDNESDAY: Debate on multinational companies. Debatable question on world food crisis.

THURSDAY: Oil Taxation Bill and Children Bill, third reading. Local Government (Scotland) Bill, report stage. Reservoirs Bill, consideration of Commons amendments. Motion on Beer Premiums (Protection of Participation) Order.

Business in the House of Commons will be:

MONDAY: Debates on docks and on railways. Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill, remaining stages.

TUESDAY: The Budget. Opposed private business.

WEDNESDAY: Debate on the Budget. Motion on Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order.

THURSDAY: Debate on the Budget; concluded. Debate on EEC documents on energy and research development.

FRIDAY: Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill and Farmers (Registration) Bill report stage. Other private members' Bills, second reading.

Britain likely to import more French eggs

European Parliament

Luxembourg

LORD ST OSWALD (United Kingdom, C) asked, in view of the severe damage being suffered by the egg producing industry in the United Kingdom where the market was being undermined by imports from the EEC countries at prices below the cost of production, if the Commission would take immediate steps to safeguard the economic position of egg producers in the Community.

He said that 65,000 million eggs were produced in the nine countries of the Community by 309 million hens. The problem arose from the over-production of eggs in France, Germany and Holland. There was no effective regime for eggs under the common agriculture policy, and a consequence was that low-priced eggs had been coming into Britain from France.

This had dismayed British egg producers who claimed that French eggs were being sold at 3p or 4p per dozen below their own eggs. At the same time they insisted they were as efficient as any producer in the world. This was indicated by the fact that in 1973, 66,300 French hens produced only 20,000 metric tonnes while 47,000 British hens produced 864,000 metric tonnes.

MR LARDINOIS, Commissioner for agriculture, said that the build up of exports from Brittany to the United Kingdom was more likely to increase than decrease, because the market in south-east England was closer and offered easier access than the large markets, such as Paris. There was no indication that there was any dumping. That did not mean there were no problems in Britain.

If imports in 1974 added up to 2 per cent, the same as 1973, of home production, 1.5 per cent of that 2 per cent would come from France, and that could not disturb the domestic market in the United Kingdom.

Generally speaking, the problem arose from a difference of traditions, and everything must be done to avoid points of friction. There was no reason why the Commission should stop the flow of exports. The British Government had accepted that attitude. He refused to recognize that any measure was justified at the frontiers.

M COINTAT (France, Dep) said that over the past two years France had been exporting 150 million eggs out of a total production of 65,000 million. That was a small proportion.

LORD ST OSWALD said he was not happy with the Commissioner's reply. Artificial aids were being given in some member countries which were not in harmony with the Community's aims of fair competition between equally efficient producers. Was Mr Lardinois saying that the British Government should introduce similar aids with his blessing?

MR LARDINOIS said the Commission were investigating the eggs sector, particularly the national measures being applied and of which the Commission approved. The Commission was aware that because of the new market shifts which had taken place under the influence of the enlargement of the Common Market, there might be friction.

Proposals next week to get wine trade back to normal

MR LARDINOIS, Commissioner for Agriculture, in a statement on the crisis in the wine industry, said that the difficulties had been caused by a harvest in 1973-74 which was higher than consumption. The previous harvest had not been good, and there had been a classic example of the problems caused in agriculture by the alternation of high and low prices. There had been a series of circumstances which the Commission hoped would not occur again this century.

In spite of the measures taken at the end of March, there were increasing difficulties in the south of France, with serious disorders. The French Government had given its blessing and cooperation to the action by the wine trade in France.

Yesterday the Commission triggered off an emergency procedure which might rapidly lead to the matter being brought before the Court of Justice in Luxembourg. The Commission must obtain clarity, because there may have been a violation of the Rome Treaty of such a scope and significance that had seldom been seen in the Community's history.

The Commission's proposals to be tabled at the meeting of the Council of Ministers next Tuesday could re-establish normal market conditions in the wine sector in the next few weeks.

Let Littlewoods do the count

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab) said this showed every evidence of another shambles. Whoever devised the wording or machinery ought to be locked up in some mental institution.

Let Littlewoods do the counting. They were experts doing the pools. If the Government wanted to decentralize, bring in Vernons or Ladbrokes. It was inconceivable that anybody with an IQ above 80 should have thought of the idea of a national count at Wembley Stadium, as was once proposed. It was the height of absurdity.

He would have been attracted to the idea of a constituency vote. The mad idea of a national count could only have emanated from Mr Short.

Supposing (he said) my constituency votes one way, Scotland as a whole votes the other, and England takes one or other view. What view do I take in this House? I will take my view. (Cheers.) And every MP will do that. So, in that sense, this is a massive confidence trick at great expense.

Supposing the vote was 25 per cent to 24 per cent. Did anyone in his right mind think that was the full-hearted consent of the people, and that this House would accept that as binding? Of course they would not.

I am so disgusted he concluded) I will say no more. I will go home.

MR DYKES (Harrow, East, C) said that whenever he heard the Lord President (Mr Short) he was reminded of the famous circus which lost a successful human cannonball in an accident and the ringmaster said: "It will be many years before we find another man of the same calibre".

It was depressing to see an apparently great political party indulging in this miserable manoeuvre for their own party and internal reasons. This wretched and undesirable Bill should be rejected out of hand.

MR MAYHEW (Royal Tunbridge Wells, C) said they had the unlovely spectacle of ministers continuing to draw their salaries for advising the Queen, yet campaigning to undermine the policies of the Queen's advisers. They were those who treated membership of the Government as a useful source of income and nothing else—unearned income. They took the pay but ratted on the obligations.

The Prime Minister who permitted this within his Government was just as guilty as those who worked against him. His sole purpose was to remain in office.

MR GOLDING (Newcastle under Lyme, Lab) said the referendum was made necessary because a great constitutional step was taken without debate, in the country and without any form of consultation.

SIR MICHAEL HAVERS, Opposition spokesman on the law (Merton, Wimbledon, C), said if the Government persisted in Clause 4 excluding a court from entertaining proceedings for questioning the validity of anything done under the Act or the numbers of ballot papers counted, the Opposition would fight it root and branch.

MR GERALD FOWLER, Minister of State, Privy Council Office (The Wrekin, Lab), said that concerning holidaymakers abroad, there was no possibility of varying holiday bookings. (Laughter.) That proposal amounted, in effect, to postal voting on demand.

One of the major difficulties in departing from the existing residential qualification would be in deciding where to draw the line. Any definition in terms of nationality alone, even if confined to citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies, would potentially enfranchise several million people overseas, and to impose additional qualifications—like intention to return to Britain or working for organizations of which Britain was a member—would have involved the additional difficulty of producing proof.

If they were to stick to the timetable announced, it was too late to contemplate changes of that kind.

I can, however, indicate (he said) that we shall ask that the whole matter shall be thoroughly reviewed by the Speakers' conference before the next general election.

The purpose of Clause 4 was to emphasize the advisory status of the referendum which was not binding on Parliament, although it was binding on the Government.

The answer to the question, when did the referendum cease to be binding and how low the ballot would have to be, was that it was binding on the Government but could not be binding on the House.

The Bill was read a second time by 312 votes to 248—Government majority, 64.

The Coal Industry Bill passed the remaining stages.

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Property at home and overseas

a Special Report

Developers seek what went wrong . . .

by John Myers

Property developers in Britain feel misunderstood. In their own eyes they are merchant venturers pursuing a risky course—weighed down with taxes and controls; buffeted by clanging interest rates, costs and asset values. Publicly, they are castigated as a race of *Shylocks living off the surplus profits of Mayfair* penthouse-based operations and deals. Politically, the *developers have been convicted* of today's cardinal sin: they are not "useful" people. The punishment is to be *ilioried and squeezed* until their pips squeak.

The developers have in some ways failed. They have *won individual battles* to develop particular sites and to build up asset strength and profitability. But the *war for survival* seems to be lost at the moment: property companies are faced with taxes and controls which threaten to limit opportunities for profitable new development projects.

Few new schemes are being started by developers in the United Kingdom—almost the sole development activity is the completion of the remaining multi-storey memorials to the days of prosperity. It is a time for post mortems and inquests, for discovering what might be grubbed out of the ashes, for looking forward with entrepreneurial faith to a day when the fortunes of property companies may be resurrected.

What do the post mortems and inquests show? They raise a question. Have property developers in the past defined their business objectives too narrowly? If so, it is understandable. The pace of property company work in the 1960s and early 1970s gave few developers time to pause and work out broad long-term strategies.

Where it is argued that *they have failed* is in taking account of the consumers' interest in property development. The developers would *probably disagree with this* contention. The reason for this disagreement is the clue to the central problem.

To the developer the consumers are the people who own and occupy his buildings. His consumers are satisfied if the buildings are well located and function efficiently—and if the accommodation is priced at an acceptable level. The skill of the developer is to *create premises which contribute* to the safety, comfort, interaction, morale, and productivity of the people who work in them.

His shops and other buildings used by the public have to be conveniently *placed and well-designed* to attract and cope with a flow of customers and goods. The developer is successful in satisfying his consumers if he can produce buildings which meet all the requirements and which can therefore be sold or let at a profit.

The criticism of this marketing approach is that it ignores the opinions of the man, or woman, in the street. Property developments have an impact on passers-by because new buildings often change a familiar scene—weakening ties with the past and eroding the sense of community which helps to give a community cohesion.

Developers can reasonably claim that this aspect of new property *schemes* is outside their responsibility. The community has elected representatives to make *decisions on where development* can take place and what new buildings can be allowed.

The elected members have the backing of professional advisers in local and central government; and *decisions are made within* the framework of an elaborate planning mechanism which prevents action without deliberation.

Consulting the public about development proposals is arguably unnecessary. *The developers take account* of the needs of owners and occupiers. The elected members of the local planning *authority represent* the community.

Both developers and planners have the resources and *the knowledge* to discover and evaluate the facts; and they have the time to weigh carefully complex decisions *on building* location and design. Can a member of the public in a few moments' consideration arrive at an informed opinion about matters of such complexity?

There are several reasons for the decline in new building developments. One is the uncertainty about the Government's measures and the way they might be made to work in practice. Another is the increase *experienced* in 1974 in rates of inflation, building costs, and interest charges—combined with a rent freeze and *signs* of continuing economic recession.

In some areas the outcome may be harmful to the hopes and prospects of the community. As an example, consider Cardiff. A planned scheme to redevelop part of the city received a setback recently. The partnership between the local authority and Ravenseft Properties has been severed and the proposed redevelopment will be delayed.

How much will the delay damage the city's commercial and economic prospects? Successful redevelopment should bring in new employment and businesses which will contribute to the rates—together with improved facilities for people who wish to live, work, shop, or merely walk abroad in Cardiff's city centre.

The situation points the dilemma which can easily be overlooked in the heat of discussion on the principles and the details of legislation on land ownership and taxation. Areas such as Cardiff, with city centres which may call for radical treatment, will probably have to wait for the uncertainties in the legislation to be resolved.

By then, optimistically, inflation will be less, building costs will have stabilized, interest rates will have continued falling, the Government's business rents freeze will remain in abeyance, and enthusiasm for initiating and funding new property schemes will have been rekindled.

Meanwhile, it will be instructive to watch how Cardiff—which has attracted much attention from commentators in the past—will tackle the next phase of its city centre planning and development programme.

. . . and air their views on public consultation

Some people believe that consultation is the answer to all the difficulties of modern development; that planners, town clerks and secretaries of state only have to consult the public and civic centres and shopping precincts will result without more ado.

The idea was put rather more formally at a conference last summer by Professor Edmund Bacon, Professor of Planning at the American Academy in Rome. He said: "Most important of all is the recognition that the overall and detail are one. One must be concerned that the individual citizen feels that his vision is really contributing to the collective vision through the same means the planner provides for his participation in the public dialogue."

But things are not quite so simple. Tenders must be examined, budgets and deadlines met, and property developers must consider the interests of their shareholders. To find out what developers thought about consultation, the following question was put to several leading firms: Do you believe that the policy of community participation in property development will prove successful, or do practical considerations mean that its key features will have to be abandoned?

Here are their replies:

Sir Dennis Pilcher, chairman, Commercial Property Development Committee and the New Towns Commission.

"There is no doubt in my mind that public authorities and private developers must continue to consult the people about major planning proposals which could affect the manner and quality of their lives. It is, however, essential to the whole idea of public participation that the planning process generally should be speeded up and that important proposals on which consultation is necessary and useful should be separated from the trivial.

"Cooperation between public authorities and private developers has a real place in the future. Partnerships of this kind have become an established and successful method of development and redevelopment. The Community Land Bill gives added force to the public/private partnership idea."

Mr Victor Lucas, president, British Property Federation.

"Community participation is an accepted feature of the property scene. We must all try to make it work. Property men have constructive ideas to help participation to succeed—ideas already put into effect in the established partnerships between local authorities and developers for town centre developments up and down the country.

"To meet the objectives of participation in future in ways consistent with the needs of the community realistic incentives are essential; and adequate scope and reward must be provided for entrepreneurial skills. Given these encouragements, the property industry will cooperate fully in creating workable policies."

Mr J. R. Madge, chief executive, Housing Corporation.

"In the housing world, I am sure we must try more cooperative developments. Increasingly there are only *two real choices—to buy a* ready made home or to rent one provided and managed by a local authority or housing association with large government subsidy.

"We must both open up *more alternatives* in the middle ground and enable more people, no matter what housing they live in, to have more say in their choice of home and how it is managed. More participation can be brought in at every rung in the housing ladder, and can add some more useful rungs.

"We must also find ways of linking social housing into overall development to get better mixed communities for *living and working*. There are difficulties: but they are more in legislation and inertia than *in practice.*"

Mr Peter Anker, managing director, MEPC.

"There is no doubt that the developer must be prepared to keep the public more informed about what he is doing. I think the industry has been guilty in the past of playing its cards fairly close to its chest—although probably for the best competitive reasons.

"I also believe that, because we have tried to draw together the best skills available to produce our development proposals, we have thought we could not be wrong—that the public would like what we planned. And, in many cases, we have been wrong about that.

"Public involvement is important, but the only way it will work is if there is a time limit incorporated. The Government must make sure that public participation is settled within a reasonable period of time and, once settled, is adhered to."

Mr Gerald Ronson, managing director of Heron Corporation.

"I believe that community involvement is with us to stay and must therefore be successful. What is perhaps more important is that local authorities must organize their decision-making to take account of public participation and still issue a planning decision in a reasonable time.

"With interest rates as they are, time costs money—heaps of it—and frankly with current tax levels, rising building costs and all the rest, developments just cannot stand the weight of interest payments caused by planning delays and local authority dithering.

"The only consolation I have is that if the Community Land Bill becomes law, local authorities will themselves begin to learn the harsh facts of development economics."

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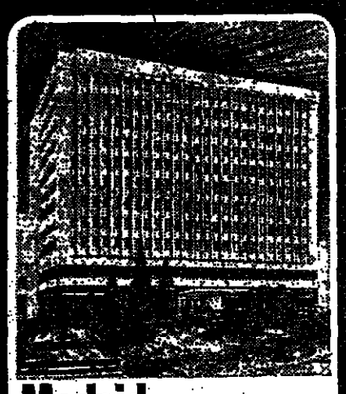

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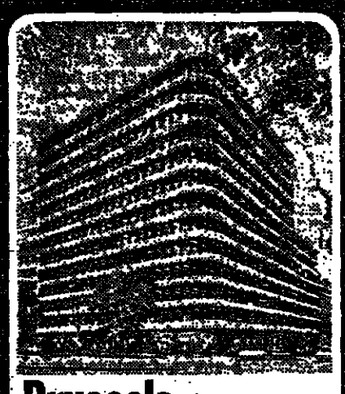

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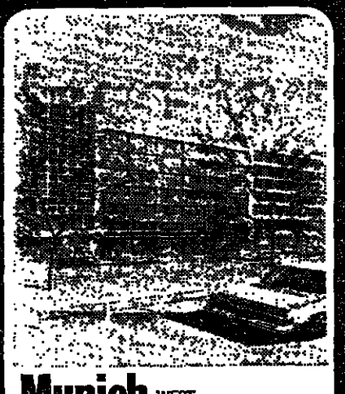

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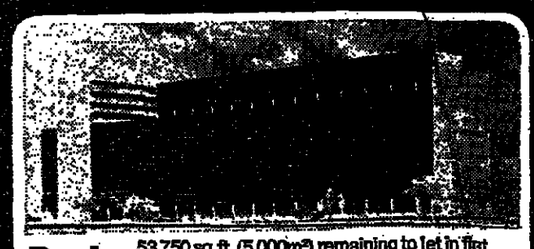

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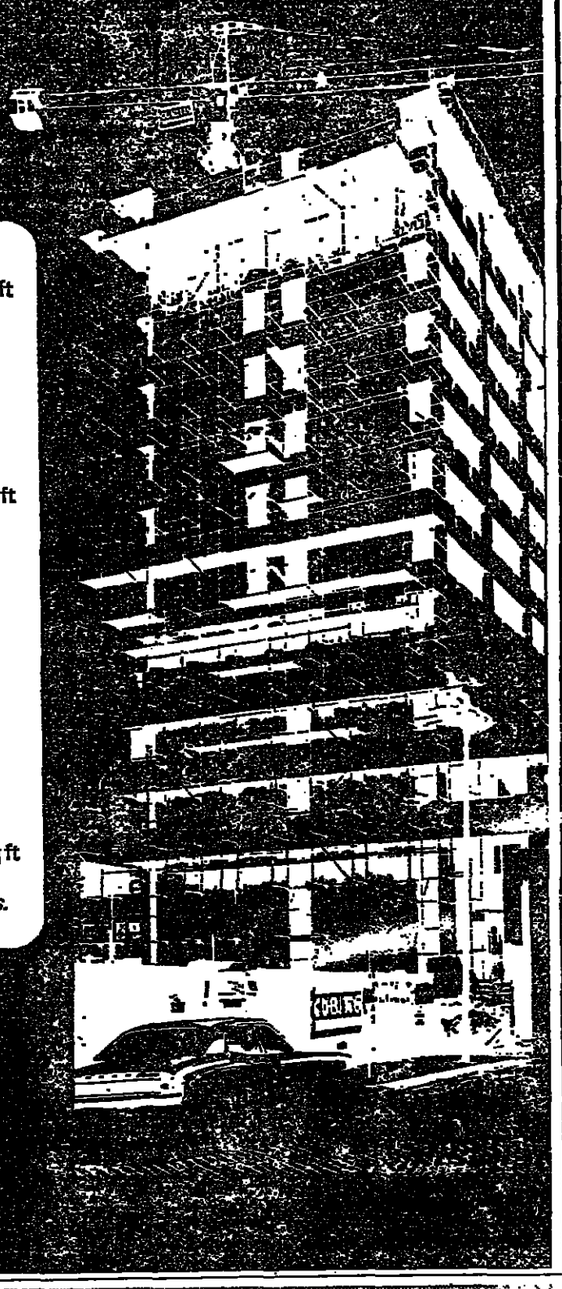

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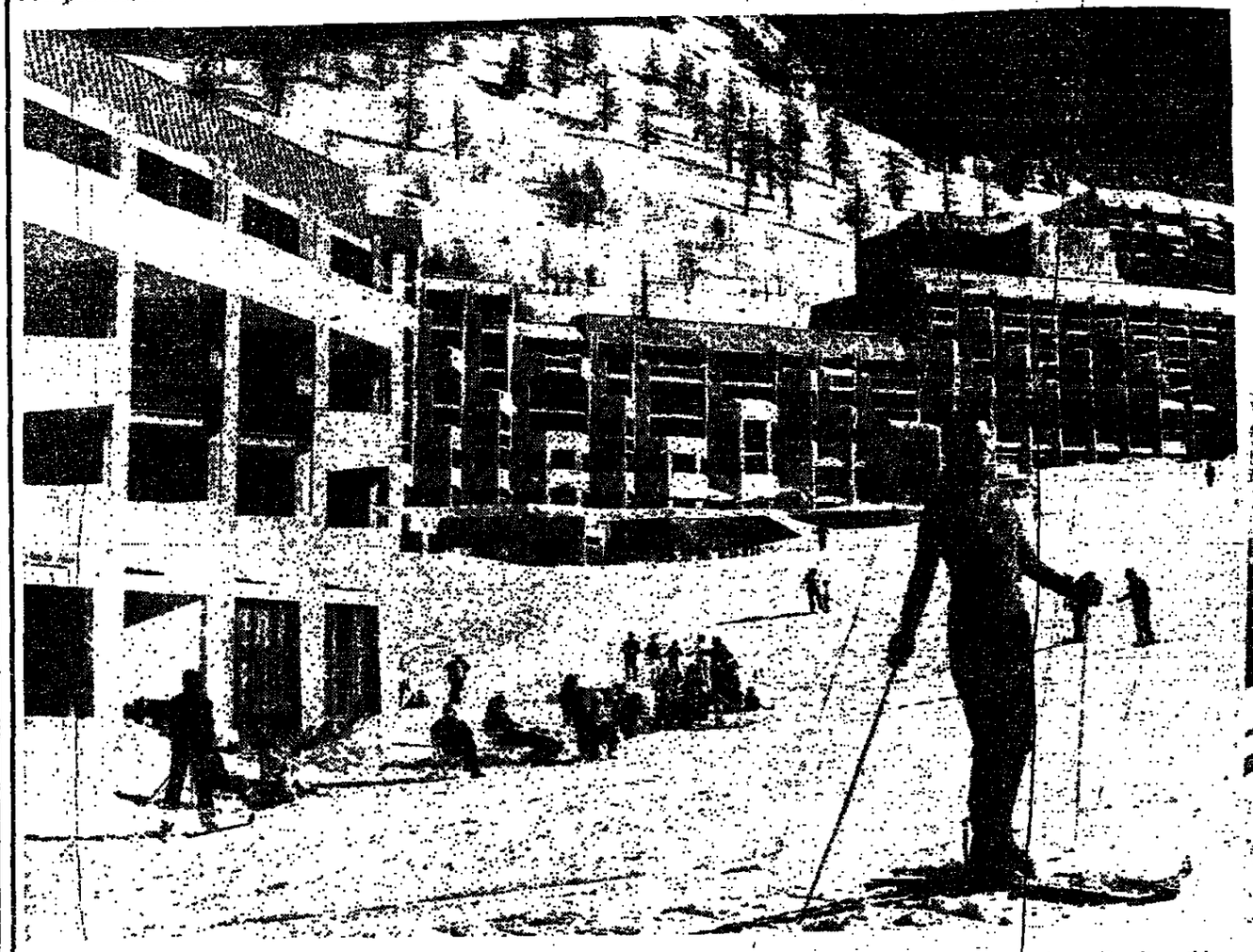
Largely because of the decline in the home market, British property developers are spreading their interests ever more widely overseas. These extend into every category—office and commercial premises, housing and leisure complexes, industrial estates—and they can be found all over the globe. Research by Jane Hogan.



Village in the Dordogne

British involvement in resort villages in Europe has been growing. Sunley, for example, has developed a ski resort village in the French Alps—Isola 2000 (above). One of the most interesting recent acquisitions has been the purchase by Bremhill Developments of an entire Dordogne village. Village d'Angunaud, lying between Périgueux and Bergerac, contains 17 cottages acquired over a 20-year period by a local farmer who sold out to Bremhill Developments. The cottages are mainly of sixteenth century origin.

The properties are being sold through John German & Son of Ramsbury, Wiltshire, and are in the price range £12,000 to £15,000.

Estate near Cologne

Westmoreland Properties is developing a freehold industrial estate in Porz, 15km from Cologne. When completed, the estate will contain 10,000 sq metres of warehousing on which work began last September. Completion is due this month. Finance for the acquisition of the site and the development of the warehousing was arranged through a German bank.

Already 40 per cent of the available space is let and occupied by a food distributor and the letting agents report that negotiations are in hand for the remainder. Industrial estate development—an essentially British idea—is undertaken in Europe and elsewhere by several British companies, Slough Estates, Mackenzie Hill, Amalgamated Investment—many have schemes in hand outside the United Kingdom.

Apart from the problems which inevitably arise in any overseas development situation, the developers have time to overcome the traditions of owner-occupation common in European industry.

Offices in Singapore

Ocean Building on Collyer Quay, Singapore, is in what is known as a prime location on the main waterfront in the heart of the business area. Developed as the second highest tower block on the quay, Ocean Building has ground, mezzanine and 25 upper floors. The total lettable office floor space is 412,940 sq ft and, in addition, there are 19,788 sq ft of shopping space in the building. There is underground parking for 378 cars. Construction started in April 1971 and ended in September 1974. Before completion, 92 per cent of the space was let and the building is now fully occupied.

It has been developed by Ocean Transport & Trading, which has a 75 per cent equity stake. A small equity stake is held by Capital & Counties Property, the British-based property company with a 47 per cent overseas commitment. It was Capital & Counties which acted as consultant and adviser to Ocean Transport & Trading before and during development of the building. Long-term funding was provided by the Commonwealth Development Corporation.

British companies like Capital & Counties have developed skills which, although once devoted entirely to the company's own substantial development programme, could now be used with advantage in a consultancy role. Spurs are hard won in the property world and those with success records for successful schemes can keep their teams together, while the British recession lasts, by advising as well as developing overseas.

Shopping centre in California

Taylor, Woodrow has developed widely in Britain and the company has not contained itself to one type of scheme. Shopping has been part of the Taylor, Woodrow programme and the firm's covered centre in Birmingham is well-designed and successful. Taylor, Woodrow of California, working with Satterhill of California, has developed the Almeda Neighbourhood Shopping Centre near Oakland, California.

The first phase contained a 38,000 sq ft drug store and a 25,000 sq ft supermarket. Both units are now open. In addition, this first phase included 10 shop units totalling 17,700 sq ft, most of which are now let.

The second phase will include a restaurant—now normally regarded as essential in any shopping scheme of any size. The total cost of Almeda and that of a smaller centre near by—the Visalia Centre—is about $6m.

British investment in North American real estate is becoming substantial. MEPC, Capital & Counties and Town & City have stakes in major schemes in principal cities.

Golf course in the Canaries

It has become a joke that resort developers these days demand one golf course per bedroom. A new town for 60,000 people is being built two miles east of Arrecife—15 minutes from Lanzarote's airport—by Rio Tinto Explosives. Lanzarote is 60 miles from Spanish Sahara where one of the world's biggest areas of natural phosphates has been discovered.

The golf course is part of a massive scheme which includes a new marina, harbour and several hotels. Built on the slopes of an extinct volcano, the course is [illegible]d by a country club, with tennis, swimming, riding and squash facilities. There will be 200 luxury homes built around the golf course.

The course is designed by John D. Harris Associates, an international design and development consultancy, with a current programme of 82 courses under construction in most corners of the world. The 27-hole golf course on Lanzarote will cost £600,000 and the club house only a little less.

Many British hotel firms—Trust Houses Forte, for example—have developed leisure facilities in Europe supported by golf courses to tournament standard. The international set now demand golf as a norm in resorts.

Warehouses in Sharjah

International Land Investments, with a 15-year record of progress in Britain and Europe, is probably the first British commercial property development company to have established a joint company with Arab interests. It is unlikely to be the last. The company, Euro-Arab Investments, will manage International Land's Arab partner's property portfolio and take on other management tasks as they develop. It will also act as a conventional development company in both the commercial and residential fields.

The company's first development is a 13-acre site at Sharjah, one of the United Arab Emirates where oil in marketable quantities was found last year. The scheme is in its earliest stages and the balance between warehousing and other elements has not been finally achieved. But certainly the scheme will include warehousing and later will come factory, cold store and office premises. Warehousing will be given priority to phase with harbour developments and, by the end of 1975, 40,000 sq ft should be ready for occupation.

The consulting engineers are Roughton & Partners, with offices in Sharjah, and the quantity surveyors are D. C. Jones, McCoach & Partners.

Light industry in Antwerp

Antwerp is one of the established centres of industrial development interest in Europe. The port stands at a strategic point in relation to the European network of waterways—a means of communication which has far greater importance on the Continent than in Britain.

The European Property Division of Bovis is convinced about the prospects of the area, so much so that the firm has acquired an industrial development site of 11½ acres at Wilrijk, Antwerp, at a cost of about £900,000.

Work was begun on warehousing and light industrial development in January, 1975. The developers plan 14 units extending from 1300 sq metres to 5,500 sq metres in area. Building costs are estimated to be £1.5m, and the value of the development when completed should be more than £3.5m. The finance from the project was obtained from a local source. An indication of prospective demand is given by the developers' success in letting 5,000 sq metres to Atlas Copco in advance of completion. Letting agents are King & Co and Schenko PVBA.

Refurbished offices in Rotterdam

The Netherlands has a reputation among British developers as a difficult market. Despite this number of property compa[nies] have succeeded in find[ing] and maturing worth[while] projects. Many o[f] these are in the refurbish[ment] sector—where th[e] developers are not face[d] with the same degree [of] environmental opposition that is encountered whe[n] existing buildings are pulle[d] down to make way for th[e] new. An example is Ocea[n] Huis, Westzeedijk, Rotte[r]dam—a refurbishme[nt] scheme being carried out [by] Amalgamated Investment [&] Property Co.

By Dutch standards th[e] project is relatively large[—] the modernized buildi[ng] will provide 120,000 sq ft [of] office space with baseme[nt] car parking. The freehold [of] the existing building w[as] bought by the developers from the owner occupier, Stokvis, an engineering co[n]cern.

One of the reasons th[at] the project has been su[c]cessfully launched is th[at] developers' fortune or sk[ill] in locating a Dutch sour[ce] of finance: the fundi[ng] source for the project is [a] merchant bank in The Net[h]erlands. The work w[as] started in mid-1974 and [is] scheduled for completion [in] May or June. The total pr[o]ject cost is estimated to [be] 15m guilders (£3m) and le[t]ting agents are Knig[ht] Frank & Rutley and va[n] Zadelhof.

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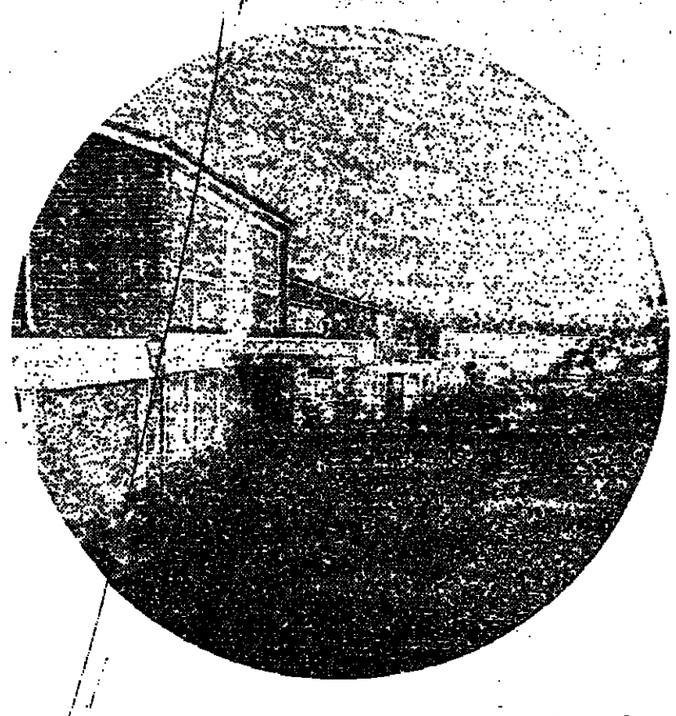
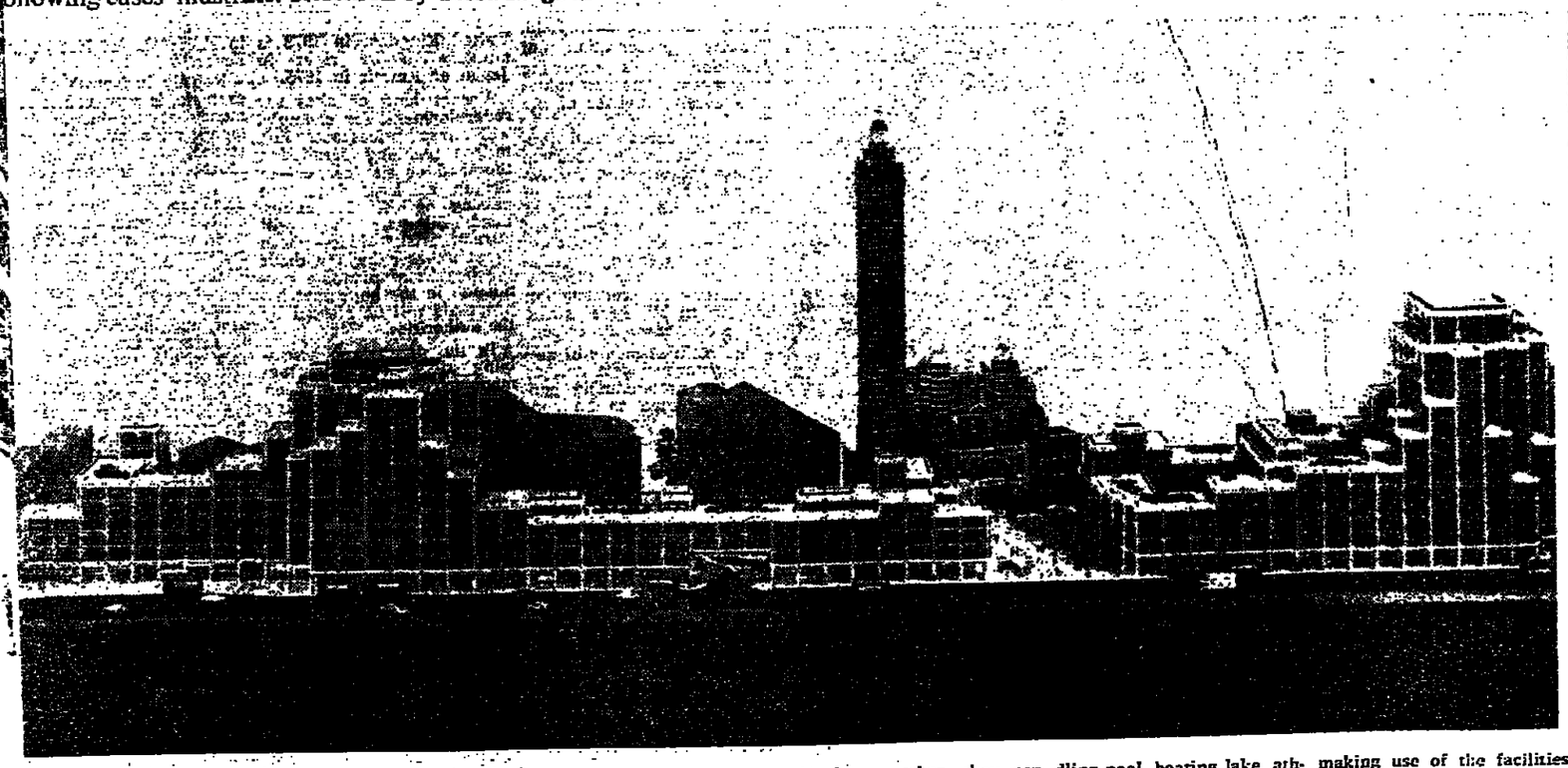


Fairview

Taxation and other disincentives are seriously inhibiting private property interests in the United Kingdom, and the attention of the media has switched largely to the public sector. In both areas, however, there is a real and continuing need for both development and redevelopment, as the following cases illustrate. Research by Tessa Kilgour



Shopping centre at Victoria

The Church Commissioners' new Victoria Street buildings (model above), developed in association with Chelwood Properties and Combined Petroleum Pensions, will provide 400,000 sq ft of offices and an arcade of shops which stretches for a quarter of a mile. British Petroleum will occupy 200,000 sq ft of the available space. Initial funding was estimated at about £25m.

The ziggurat (stepped pyramid) construction is interesting, and the design by Elsom, Pack & Roberts has created a large traffic-free piazza in front of Westminster Cathedral, providing a striking new setting to the Byzantine architecture of the cathedral itself not previously seen from Victoria Street.

The arcade at ground level will provide a quarter of a mile of covered shopping to the Army & Navy store, also now being redeveloped. Victoria Street has undergone almost total change since the war—and it will be some time before the dust of redevelopment finally settles.

Hillier Parker May & Rowden are development consultants and letting agents for the entire development.

Housing in Birmingham

Birmingham council is planning to build 1,500 homes, about a third of which will be for sale to council-nominated purchasers, on three sites in north Worcestershire and two in redevelopment areas within the city. The Housing Corporation (1974) has been invited to provide houses at cost price on clearly defined sections of the development sites.

Since the land is owned by the council the corporation has suggested that it be made available to it under a building agreement or lease, and as each house is ready for occupation, the plot is conveyed direct from council to purchaser. Birmingham council will act as agents in preparing plans and detailed documents and, if necessary, in supervising building work and certifying payments.

Tenders for the first phase, consisting of 313 houses for letting and 148 for sale, closed on Tuesday. They are in two parts: for council designed dwellings (for letting) in accordance with specific layout proposals, and for contractor-designed dwellings (for sale) on a "package deal" basis. Tenders submitted for the first part will be judged mainly on cost, for the second on merit and value for money. For obvious reasons, it is hoped that one contractor will gain both contracts.

Successful tenderers will be expected to enter into a separate contract with the corporation, details of which are being prepared in consultation with the National Building Agency. It will probably be on a fixed price basis. Birmingham council will agree to take completed houses into stock, for letting, if no purchasers are found within an agreed time (possibly three to six months).

Factories on Merseyside

The development of industrial estates, originally a private enterprise idea, has for years also been a public sector function. The creation of estates and advance factories has been one of the big successes of the development industry since the Second World War and, when several public agencies get together, they can match private performance.

Government and other public agencies recognize the importance of industrial diversification, and factory marketing for the benefit of a region has become a significant item in the social balance-sheet.

The Merseyside Development Office was opened two years ago as the agency of the Merseyside County Council consisting of Liverpool, Wirral, St Helens, Sefton and Knowsley. Merseyside has the second worst unemployment rate in the country, and the first principle in the disposal of factories built in Merseyside is that the industrial process to be followed must be labour intensive—about 50 per cent of the employees must be production workers.

Government money buys the land and finances the building. The local authorities, new town development corporations and private enterprise also own estates in the area on which advance factories are built—and the incentives offered to industrialists by way of government grants have attracted enough industries to provide 2,000 jobs in two years. The area has attracted overseas investment—American, Dutch and Japanese firms have opened factories on Merseyside—and no doubt some of the current programme of 250,000 sq ft of advance factories will be taken up by foreign firms.

Offices in the City

The acquisition of Gateway House in Watling Street, London, in September, 1972, by the Imperial Tobacco Group Pension Fund for £27.7m caused a few sharp intakes of breath even in an industry accustomed to big figures. The building has been refurbished internally with the restructuring of cores to provide extra floor space and the installation or renewal of heating, air conditioning and other main services. The exterior has been cleaned, redecorated and improved. The building contains 120,000 sq ft of net lettable floor space.

Richard Ellis were the architects and development consultants and are joint letting agents with Strutt & Parker.

Supermarket in Bedford

Sainsbury's impact on retailing has been substantial and the company's influence has gone as far north as Doncaster. Although many Sainsbury supermarkets are within covered centres, the company has developed many of its most impressive buildings. The largest Sainsbury's supermarket is now being built at Kempston, Bedford on a 5.6 acre site.

The store is on the main road in an area where other developments and road improvements are planned. It will offer a range of goods apart from food. Building started in July, 1974; the first phase should be completed before the end of this year and the rest by March next year. The supermarket extends to 3,250 sq metres and the freezer centre to 460 sq metres.

Ski slope in Southampton

Local authorities have taken a lead in the provision of big-scale leisure facilities and some northern towns have shown that palm trees, plastic rocks and wave-making machines provide a new dimension to the traditional public baths. Southampton Corporation has provided a sports centre—with adjoining municipal golf course, paddling pool, boating lake, athletic track and sports area, and play areas for children.

The centre covers about 70 acres and the area provides an ideal situation for an artificial ski slope covering about two acres. The slope was designed by city staff and built by the city's own labour force. The city showed imagination in its planning and après-artificial ski is catered for by a ski lodge which will probably be extended. Care was taken to preserve trees, and floodlighting adds a touch of moonlight to the scene. There is a ski tow and skis and tobogganing can be hired from the authority.

The slope and its ancillary facilities have proved an enormous success. Artificial skiing has become a sport in its own right and the initial investment of a little over £32,000 has been well worth while. Schools are making use of the facilities for tuition and there are an average of eight people on the slope every hour it is open.

Hotel in Sussex

The generous grant system offered by the Government to encourage the provision of accommodation to attract tourists caused a surge in hotel development in the early 1970s. Many are now open and as busy as can be expected in an international recession.

The Lex Service Group, with a growing investment in the tourist and leisure industry, was building the Heathrow Hotel at the time the firm took a lease of land from the British Airports Authority at Gatwick.

The Gatwick Hotel, started in late 1972, has been completed but not yet furnished. It contains 155 bedrooms—with planning permission for extension to 250 bedrooms when required—supported by the usual restaurant and banqueting rooms, lounges and swimming facilities all to the level of a 250-bedroom hotel. The group financed the building (more than £2.2m) from its own resources.

Village in Yorkshire

The "chocolate" and "soap" villages and towns were built essentially to serve industry, but New Earswick Village, York, was built by Joseph Rowntree for general purpose. The village was started in 1901 and planned for 150 acres; it has since extended to 185 acres. It contains 760 houses, two schools, three churches, a large community hall, a swimming pool and several sports fields—but no pub, perhaps because of the Quaker influence. Thirsty residents have that facility not far away.

Finance was provided originally by the trust but in the past few years other sources have been tapped. The houses are let on a monthly basis and the population of the village exceeds 21,000. The trust has been following an improvement programme and won the Department of the Environment's award for general improvement areas two years ago.

There are many villages built to serve a particular industry—the mining villages are good examples—which are now redundant and risk deterioration. There is enormous scope for concentrated industrial and rehabilitation action by a mix of interests. New Earswick Village is a thriving community because of careful husbandry, but many of those built in the same era need urgent attention.

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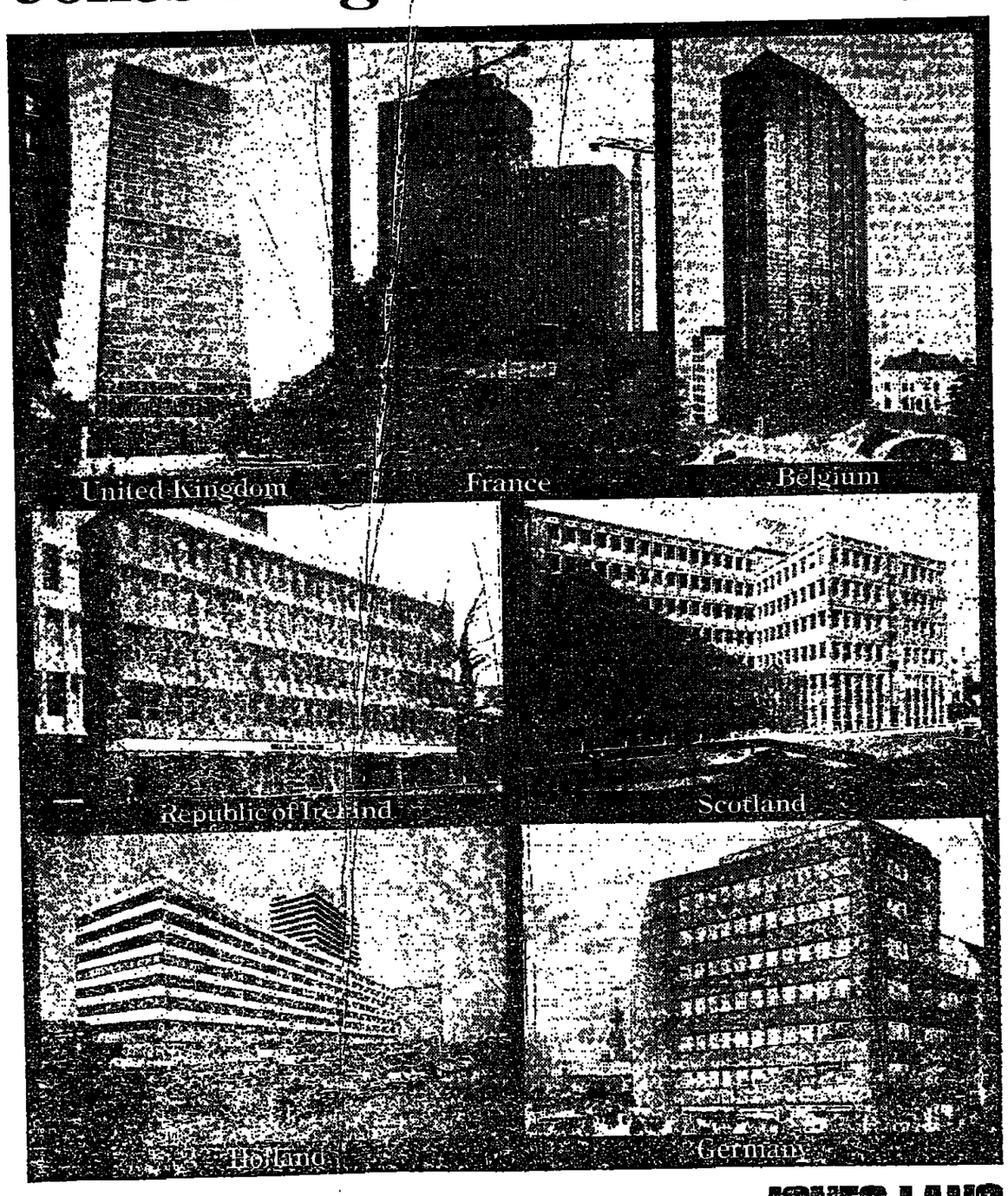

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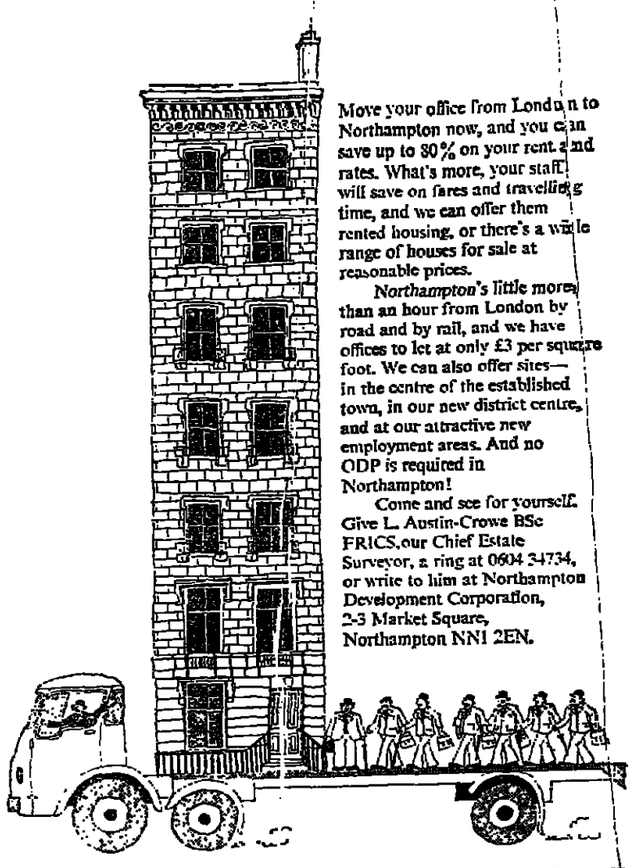

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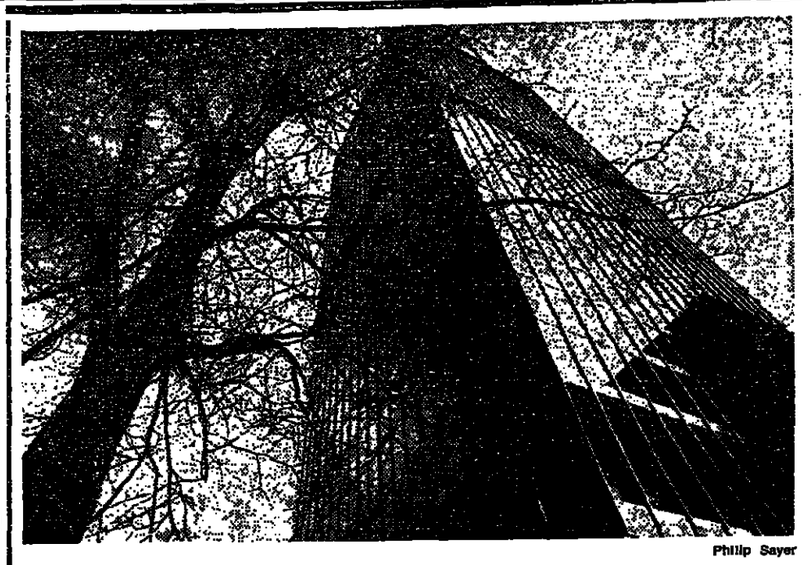

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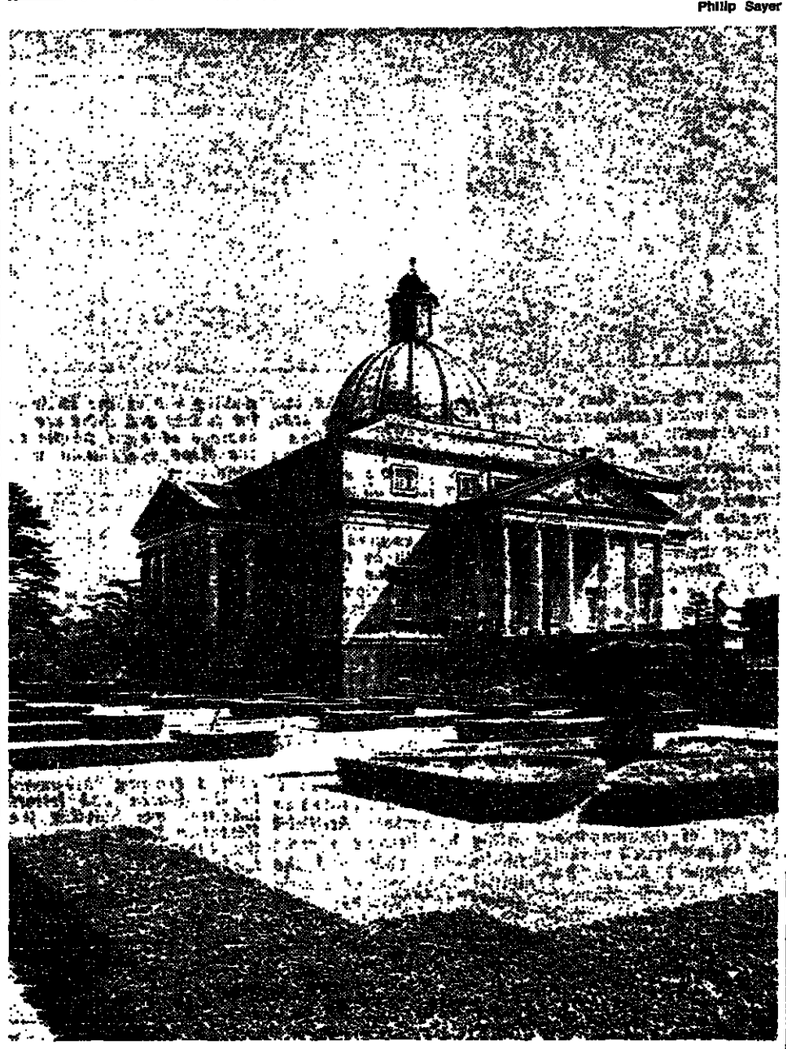

Two examples of the Arabs' interest in British property. Above: Mereworth Castle in Kent, bought by the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates for £500,000. Top: the Commercial Union Building, London, part of which has been bought by Abu Dhabi.

Eyes on the Middle East

by Helen Harris

Estimates by international money experts suggest that the global surplus earnings of the oil-producing countries — petrodollars — amounted to approximately $56,000m (£23,000m) in 1974. By 1980, it is estimated that the accumulated surplus will be $200,000m to $250,000m. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, with their large oil reserves, will be the major contributors.

As yet, only a very small proportion of last year's surplus has been directed into equities, corporate bonds or property. Most petrodollars have been placed in short-term deposits (mainly in the form of Eurocurrencies), government securities and deposits or loans to international agencies, such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Views differ on the capacity of the Eurodollar market and international banks to cope with further massive deposits of recycled petrodollars. But with few exceptions—notably Iran and Iraq—the Middle East Opec countries will not be in a position to convert the bulk of their accumulated earnings into imported goods and services in the near future.

The likelihood is that they will switch from assets offering high liquidity and marketability to those providing longer-term protection against exchange risks and worldwide inflation, in particular, to long-term government securities, direct investment in industrial companies and property abroad.

To date the United Kingdom has been the preferred country in Europe for Middle East property investments. Paris has also received some attention: one of the major single investments on the European Continent was the purchase by an Arab consortium of the Tour Manhattan Office complex in Paris for £43m.

Apart from this large acquisition most of the Middle East influence on the Paris property market has been in the residential sector, where private investors have bought houses and apartments.

Similar purchases—at the top end of the residential property market—have been made in Britain. Examples include Mereworth Castle in Kent, bought for £500,000 by the Ambassador in London of the United Arab Emirates. And Iraq has bought the Consort Lodge luxury block of flats overlooking Regent's Park for £2m.

Despite such acquisitions, Middle East property investments in Britain still form a very small proportion of the petrodollars reaching this country.

Latest figures from the Bank of England show that of the $21,000m (£9,000m) placed in Britain, more than 70 per cent went into foreign currency deposits, mainly through Euromarkets. The remaining $6,000m was placed in sterling, and only 11.5 per cent of this ($700m or £290m) was directed into equities and property acquisitions. The bulk of this is accounted for by the £107m Kuwait takeover of St Martin's Property Corporation and the £36m purchase by Abu Dhabi of a 44 per cent stake in the Commercial Union headquarters building in the City of London. Other commercial purchases include the Park Tower Hotel in London for £6m.

The purchase of St Martin's by Kuwait is one illustration of its stated policy to hold some 60 per cent of its state reserves in property and equities in Britain, on the Continent and in the United States.

One of the first big purchases in the United States was by Kuwait—Kiawah Island, off Charleston Harbour in South Carolina. The investment includes a $200m development scheme and is indicative of the Arabs' intentions to invest in land as well as property development.

Other channels for petrodollar owners investing in American real estate include the Triad American Capital Corporation in California and the recently established Hexalon. Hexalon has been set up jointly by the Commercial Union Insurance Company, a consortium of Arab interests and a Dutch property group to invest funds in fully-let United States commercial property.

On the one hand, the West preaches the need for Opec countries to invest long term. On the other hand, western governments continue to strengthen their safeguards to control foreign direct investment. The St Martin's and Commercial Union headquarters deals in Britain suggest, however, that the Bank of England is willing to accept a significant Arab presence in the United Kingdom property market. That still leaves wealthy Arab investors to face British taxation related to the transfer and development of property and rent control legislation. Such deterrents make British developers direct their attention to the Middle East and to realize the tremendous development potential of the oil-producing countries.

British construction companies have been in the Middle East for a long time. More recently, firms of estate agents and surveyors have begun setting up offices there to advise on the local market and on purchases in the United States and in Europe.

One of the first joint ventures between a British developer and Arab interests has only recently been established. International Land Investments through its subsidiary Insula has set up a joint company with an unnamed Arab organization to carry out commercial and residential development in the Persian Gulf.

Unlike most other Middle East Opec countries, Iran is fast moving towards a position of being able to absorb its oil income by ploughing the money back into its own industrial development. Its policies are also generally favourable to joint ventures.

Bahrain has little oil, but the quadrupling of oil prices in late 1973 has revitalized the economy and much encouragement is being given to foreign investment in industrial projects leading to a broader-based economy. At the other extreme Saudi Arabia, with one of the largest oil reserves, is a low absorber of petrodollars because of its tiny population and vast tracts of unexploitable land.

Member states such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and some of the United Arab Emirates have limited scope in the short term for domestic use of their oil revenues. Opportunities for joint ventures with foreign developers are therefore restricted. But the scope for such opportunities is indirectly widened through foreign aid by these states to allies in the struggle against Israel, to poorer Arab states, and to Muslim states and the developing world. In 1974 10,000 million petrodollars were committed in foreign aid; about a quarter of this amount was actually disbursed.

With the exception of Kuwait, Middle East states have little experience of disbursing aid on a large scale. The actual opportunities that arise for developers out of this element of the recycling of petrodollars therefore has still to be determined

World comparisons difficult

by Alan Bailey

Never was comparison more difficult than in the international development field. Tabular presentation of facts and figures purporting to compare costs and values in a dozen countries of the world must be so hedged about by caveats and provisos that tables become almost meaningless. Adjustments for variable rates of exchange, differing rates of interest, widely—indeed wildly—variable building, fire and planning regulations and widely differing standards of construction and finish; all these things, and more, have an effect.

The main elements of any development project are, at least for programming purposes, assumed to be constants, but the variations within these constants are infinite, with a bonus in degrees of worry and frustration which consume time, tempers, energy and money.

The first constant is land, its acquisition and assembly to produce the right kind of site for the proposed development. The second constant is money—or at least the need for it both long term and short term—and the weight of the interest which is always an important part of the sum. The third is the buildings, their form, mix and cost. The fourth is rent. The fifth is the value of the completed building.

All these are influenced by variable factors—sites and buildings by planning legislation; borrowings and disposals by equity arrangements; rents and values by the ups and downs of the market and the level of taxation. Internationally, all developers have these constants and variables and, such are the differences, that what was right in the United Kingdom in 1973 is unlikely to be right in Japan or Kuwait in 1975.

Vacant land or sites for redevelopment, for example, will attract prices according to the planning permission the land or site carries—in Britain at least until the passing of the Community Land Bill. Or they will attract "risk" bids—where the purchaser buys without the benefit of planning permission in the hope that his proposals will be blessed by the authorities.

In the past, those assembling sites for redevelopment have sometimes been faced with one owner sitting on a key piece of land who demanded—and often received—a king's ransom for his freehold out of all proportion to the values attributed to the remainder of the site.

Residual valuation methods—what price the site can stand, taking into account potential building and other costs and income—will produce a wide range of prices as taxation, economics, demand and a dozen other factors complicate the equation. The land or site factor then hardly bears comparison. The tabulation of prices achieved here and there would only mislead.

The cost and availability of money, as any developer counting the grey hairs on his head will confirm, are principal factors in the development process. Much depends on the borrowing source and the slice of the equity that source wants. Interest rates are tumbling but this does not necessarily help a sluggish property market in which the major investors have lost confidence.

Nobody in New York, for example, is prepared to lend money at present to developers on a mid-term basis (three to five years) and short-term investment is low, although it has not dried up altogether. In the United States, short-term rates vary between 3 and 4 per cent over prime. In Germany mid-term loans carry a rate of 8½ to 9 per cent with a margin of ¾ to 1 per cent, and in France comparable figures are 9½ to 9¾ per cent with a margin of 2 to 3 per cent. Italy is the most expensive European country for borrowing purposes at the moment.

The cost of building has some similarities, and some differences. There is a difference, for example, between the earthquake zones and the rest of the world. There is a difference between those countries which import most of their building materials and those which produce most of their own—and the rate of import duty makes a difference too.

Rents are fixed at what the owner thinks the market will stand and he is likely to be disappointed if the market sours. London remains top of the office league table with rents of up to £20 a sq ft. Other rents for buildings at the top end of the market are Brussels £4 a sq ft, Amsterdam £5, Frankfurt £6, Madrid £7 and Paris £9. A building in Singapore was let recently at £5 a sq ft. Rents vary widely within countries and averages tend to mislead.

When it comes to assessing values of completed buildings, the market takes control absolutely. Prices have fallen at home and overseas in recent months. The developer—if he emerges sulkily from his tent at all—has to contend with on-the-spot assessment of potential with no preconceived ideas about anything. His legendary profits are not as easily earned as all that.

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The *Distant Thunder* whose reverberations shatter the life of a remote Bengali village in 1942-43 is the Second World War. The villagers do not even comprehend what a war *is*. *News* reaches them that their king is fighting the Germans and the Japanese, but they only know the name of Burma because it is where the coarse rice comes from; and Singapore might be any of the innumerable "-purs" down the road. The flying ships that drone overhead seem just some other delightful and fascinating natural phenomena, like the dragonflies and lizards.

Yet even this community has finally to feel the reverberations—first, vague rumours that rice is dearer in the next village; then the scarcity of kerosene, and the need to grasp the startling new notion that money will not always supply needs. Finally the famine overtakes them like a sudden flood, overturning everything they know.

The focal characters of Satyajit Ray's latest film (which won the Golden Bear at the Berlin Festival in 1973) are Ganga and his wife Ananga. Characterized with marvellous delicacy and humour by Soumitra Chatterjee, Ganga is a young Brahmin who has just settled in the village. He is comically self-conscious and a little pompous in his role (as the only Brahmin in the place) of priest, teacher, doctor and wise man; and is even prepared to make a little capital—a new red saree for Ananga—out of it. By the same human token he is a little sore when a poorer fellow-Brahmin from a neighbouring village exercises his holy rights to be fed and rested by Ganga himself.

Want and adversity overturn the social order that has prevailed for centuries. With the famine, chaos spreads. Relations change, people weaken into antagonism and betrayal; bewilderingly the old traditions and hierarchies, the strict forms of the caste system begin to fail. Hungry people become desperate. Women demand the independence to feed themselves. Thieves and rapists surface. *Human values come to* count for more than social rules.

The film marks a new stage in Ray's career. The intimate, caressing, profound observation of ordinary, good, imperfect human beings is now integrated with epic form and structure and gesture. The soft, exquisitely graded colours of the rural scene periodically crystallise into black symbolic silhouettes against sunset orange—the hands of the Brahmin and the untouchable meeting in compassion; or the horde of the hungry which ends the film, an army against the skyline and with a simple title superimposed: "Five million died of starvation in the man-made famine of 1943". (This is the first film that Ray, a *painter* in his own right, has made in colour.) Ray immediately precedes this bold symbol with a delicate, even foolish human moment as Ananga coyly tells Ganga that she is to have a baby, that they *are about to expose a new* human being to this merciless universe.

Ray's unequalled gift is to give a total sense of a way of life which is strange and remote and contained, yet to discover *in it the qualities that are universal*. From the first moments of any Ray film the spectator forgets the racial and cultural difference of the characters and sees only human beings. Here the particular historical moment, the disaster of the famine caused by a mixture of ill-luck and maladministration, is made at once comprehensible and universal. Its effects are not shown in terms of great *drama, but as small and ordinary* and familiar happenings. Yet this incident is not isolated in the past: it is every man-made famine that has followed.

Distant Thunder is a majestic film, new in style and range, but ranking with Ray's great masterworks like the *Apu* trilogy (which was based on a book by the same author as *Distant Thunder*, Bibhuti Bannerji) or *The Music Room*.

Akira Kurosawa made *Dodeska-Den* in 1970, five years after his previous film, *Red Beard* (1965). Since then he has not succeeded in making another feature, and the unproductive years between have been taken up with abortive projects, financial disasters, despair and an attempted suicide. The mature accomplishment of *Dodeska-Den* only emphasizes the tragedy of this inactivity, forced upon the director of *Rashomon* and *The Seven Samurai* by the economic circumstances of the Japanese *cinema*.

The film was made on a derisory budget (estimated at around $300,000) for a production company which Kurosawa formed with three other major directors as "The Four Musketeers". It is based on a series of short stories, *Town Without Seasons*, by the writer Shugoro Yamamoto, who had already provided the subjects for Kurosawa's previous films *Sanjuro* and *Red Beard*.

Yamamoto's stories are separate and spread over many periods of time. Kurosawa and his scenarists have ingeniously welded them into one panorama, and set them in one time and place, a *terrain vague* on the edge of present-day Tokyo, a human rubbish dump in the mud of the river estuary.

It is *The Lower Depths* again. Thirteen years earlier, when Kurosawa adapted Gorki's play to the screen, he found it, he said, "very funny." *Dodeska-Den* shares the same mixture of the absurd and pathetic.

There is a little clerk who suffers from mild fits and a bullying wife; two drunken labourers who so often go home to the wrong door that they amiably swap wives for a term; the cheerful Ryo who shares his abounding love among the brood his whorish wife has bred from other men; *a sad little* paper-flower maker who is raped by her wastrel uncle, and would rather knife the *sake*-boy who loves her than admit it; a drunken tough who periodically terrorizes the neighbourhood (sometimes it looks as much like *Easy Street* as *The Lower Depths*); an infantile *beggar whose wise six-year-old* son patiently puts up with his grandiose dreams, and finally dies through his father's foolishness; a living corpse, who cannot recover from the shock of his sad wife's infidelity.

There's also a thief, a vegetable seller and a Greek chorus of gossipy women who sit all day around the communal tap; and there are two outsiders. Little Rokuchan is tram crazy and drives his imaginary streetcar around from morning till night, chanting the onomatopeic motor-noise which gives the film its nonsense title. He, says Kurosawa, "symbolises the artist, the *cineaste* who creates entirely by the power of his imagination, using as a means of communication the tramway, ie, the cinema".

It is a frieze of vivid carica*tures, a display of every kind* of human aspiration and despair, folly and wisdom, cruelty and loyalty. If Kurosawa found *The Lower Depths* funny, it was perhaps because he is incurably affirmative; and the striking thing about these human beings crawling on their dump is that ultimately they do not despair. The wretched clerk flies at his friends who dare to criticise his intolerable wife (this after a *marvellously funny and sad* scene where the nasty wife has expertly insulted the boys from the office). A great deal of love survives all the privation and disappointment. Even after the son dies, the silly beggar has still his dreams.

Dodeska-Den has a unique graphic quality. The precision and speed and economy with which the characters are sketched resembles nothing so much as traditional Japanese painting, or the Chojugiga scroll.

Like Ray, Kurosawa is a painter. Here he appears virtually to have painted his film. Working at great speed, he is said to have painted the sets and even the people as he went along. The colours become fantastic: the faces of the sick beggar and his child become livid blues and greens; their dreams materialize in wild acid colours. The houses of old petrol cans are multi-hued, and on location Kurosawa was fascinated by the colours that the rain produced magically from the soil of the dump, polluted by chemical waste. Even the sky and the sun, when they appear, turn out to be children's drawings; and when the real sun failed to shine for him, Kurosawa simply painted the shadows as he shot.

It gives the images a strange, wild, expressionist quality which echoes the variety style of the acting (Kurosawa told an interviewer he had been influenced by the Kyogon vaudeville theatre); yet never compromises the compassion of *Kurosawa's human comedy*.

Harvey
Prince of Wales

Irving Wardle

What, I wonder, would have been the fate of Mary Coyle Chase's comedy if its invisible hero had been a pink elephant instead of a 6ft white rabbit? First seen in 1944, it still holds the record as Broadway's only alcoholic smash hit in which nobody ever takes a drink.

The trick is to allow Harvey's human companion to live in a continuous state of boozy benevolence while sparing him all the after effects. It is a drunk's dream: converting the Bowery into a rose garden, and sub*stituting a cuddly* Disneyland pet for the DTs. All of which enabled Miss Chase, for once, to write a successful American play on the benefits of dropping out, and preferring kindness to competition. One hiccough, and the game would have been up.

If you can accept the premise, it is easy to admire the work*manship*. Only its dialogue, which turns flat between the fizzing climaxes, disqualifies this comedy for admission to the classic American ranks of George Kelly and Ben Hecht. What never runs down is the comic mainspring: *the glazed* figure of Elwood P. Dowd, totally relaxed amid unending scenes of anger and tension that he unwittingly stirs up.

Relaxation has its ultimate exponent in James Stewart, returning to a part he first played in 1947. He shambles in, looking rather apologetic about his height; he picks up a telephone with a nerveless hand; when nothing is required of him, he stands there limply. In short, he does the absolute minimum and you cannot take your eyes off him. The impression of inactivity, of course, is an illusion. Elwood is a difficult part because he is at once a lateral thinker who is always taking people by surprise, and a character who is always repeating himself.

It is a tribute to Mr Stewart's timing that even the most predictable lines exert a comic shock. And when larger effects are called for and Harvey sends him sprawling on the floor, Mr Stewart rises flamboyantly to the occasion. Where he fails, a serious matter in this play, is in leaving Harvey as much a fantasy at the end as he was at the beginning. We, as well as the cast, should be able to see him.

Otherwise Anthony Quayle's production, preferring good casting to uniformity of accent, includes splendid farcical work from Mona Washbourne as Harvey's reluctant convert, and Geoffrey Lumsden as an adipose analyst nursing a secret need for the couch. Paul Staple's panelled set completes the play's detachment from the low dives it ostensibly celebrates.

Schumann
St. John's

Joan Chissell

Few composers in recent years have been luckier than Schumann in getting a second chance with works dismissed through*out the first half of this cen*tury as below par. Many of us have already had to revise our opinions of *Faust* and *Paradise and the Peri* after stimulating revivals from conductors like Britten, Giulini and Boulez. Last night at a BBC concert *in* St John's, Mr Boulez took up the challenge again on behalf of the late (1851) cantata, *The Pilgrimage of the Rose*. The performance, thought to be the *first professional one* in this country since 1893, was recorded for transmission next week on Radio 3.

With the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and soloists led by Jill Gomez, Alfred Hodgson, Ian Partridge and Gwynne Howell as stalwart helpmates, Mr Boulez could not have done more to bring the score to life. But even recalling the basic theme of self-sacrifice—and in later life Schumann always needed a story with a moral—it is difficult to understand how he ever hoped to strike fire out of a text as mawkish as that sent him, unsolicited, by the then 37-year-old Moritz Horn.

Playing continuously for an hour and a bit (though divided into 24 numbers) the work disappoints in the first place by failing to characterize any of its admittedly insipid individuals. The grave-digger, the narrator, the forester's son, even the rose-fairy herself, who seeks mortal life to experience human joy and sorrow, all sing the same sort of pleasant but largely unmemorable arioso—a strange failing in one of the world's greatest writers of song.

Though anyone listening in the metaphorical dark could just as easily attribute the ensembles and choruses to a score or so totally forgotten *nineteenth-century romantics* as to Schumann, these linger longer in the memory. Fairyland's virginal charm and grief in the graveyard make their mark in part one. Part two, considerably more ponent, brings some Weber-inspired rusticity (horns, fiddles and all) as well as a death-scene both striking and beautiful. In sum, not a neglected masterpiece, yet something no Schumann-lover should miss.

ECO/Anda
Festival Hall

Thomas Walker

The most charitable theory of pianist as conductor is that it brings to the concerto something of the intimacy and unity of purpose that one might expect to find in, say a piano quartet. Yet despite the nearly ideal choice of subject matter—Mozart's K453 in G major and Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto—and notwithstanding the collaboration of the English Chamber Orchestra, who hardly need a conductor anyway, Geza Anda's dual presence last night at the Festival Hall came uncomfortably close to false economy.

Not that anything was seriously out of place: the Mozart hummed along like a well oiled machine, a bit insouciant about *dramatic shifts of harmony*, unmindful of the potential liveliness of wind dialogue in the first movement's exposition. Occasional sparks there were, as in the lead-up to the cadenza of the same movement, and everywhere, or nearly everywhere, one could accept the seductiveness of Anda's lovely, caressing, subtly differentiated tone, rather out of touch with its surround. The Andante arguably brought greater harmony between partners, and the Finale received many pleasant and refined touches, alas, none of them particularly witty.

It was when he laid down his (imaginary) baton, as in the libertarian but well argued cadenzas, or put aside his piano, as in the Third Symphony of Schubert, that Anda made the finest music. There was wind enough to fan the youthful fires of Schubert's first movement, simplicity and charm adequate to the andante, high tension and considerable momentum in the *finale*.

Giselle
Coliseum

John Percival

Veronica Tennant, who danced Giselle for the Canadian National Ballet last night, makes her a rather serious girl. *Easy to understand why she* goes mad when she is jilted. I thought her frequent pose with head and shoulders inclined forward, although reminiscent of lithographs (and also of photographs of Spessivtseva in this role), was overdone; but her dancing is not at all droopy. She has a good turn of speed, sometimes almost too much, inclining to a blurred effect; a *nice lightness too*.

Rudolf Nureyev was her Albrecht. He had to struggle at times, I thought, to keep his big romantic personality within the confines of Peter Wright's balanced but sometimes small-scale production, but his acting never lacked point and his dancing was smoothly buoyant.

Jacques Gorrissen played Hilarion: a pleasantly robust interpretation, suggesting a man devoted to Giselle but slightly slow on the uptake, doggedly persevering with a hopeless suit. He replaced the injured Hazaros Surmeyan, whose performance struck me, when I saw it last week, as the best for a long time.

In this production, Hilarion's standing as the favourite of Giselle's mother is emphasized by having him often at her side. What I liked especially about Surmeyan was the way he made clear the qualities of solid worth and *a rather forceful virility* which at once won the mother's approval and the daughter's misgivings. His dancing in the scene where he is trapped by the ghosts was also outstanding.

Charles Kirby's playing of the prince is unusually interesting too: a kindly, smiling figure, although with at least half an eye to his seigneural rights, and angry with Albrecht when he sees Giselle kill herself. *Ann Dirchburn makes his* daughter a convincingly spoiled beautiful girl.

I wish the producer had found a better way of representing the final disappearance of Giselle's ghost than having a stand-in teetering on a raised platform behind the backcloth, but the other effects work well. The anonymous orchestra, which coped so well with Gluck last week, seems to find Adam and Delibes more difficult; but the dancers were not thrown, even when a woodwind solo spluttered into silence.

Northern Sinfonia/Seaman
Queen Elizabeth Hall

William Mann

Christopher Seaman's musical sympathies are broad, as radio listeners know; and the chamber orchestral repertory is not confined to the eighteenth century. Nevertheless it was upon Handel and Mozart that Mr Seaman dwelt last night when he brought his Northern Sinfonia Orchestra from Newcastle to London's South Bank. The contrast was provided by the orchestra's six woodwind principals who played Janácek's enchanting Mládi suite.

As it happened I enjoyed the performance of *Mládi* more than those of the Handel and Mozart works: it brought out the originality and wit of the musical ideas and the treatment of the instruments, and it flowed beautifully, the diffi*cult tempo changes effortlessly* geared. Obviously the players have worked the music into their corporate bloodstream by long rehearsal and plentiful performance; I wonder whether David Haslam, their flautist, has worked too hard to quieten his tone in the Andante and whether they have all oversophisticated the mood of the finale's opening.

The Handel item was the B *flat concerto grosso, opus 6* number 7, with the almost *entirely one-note fugue subject* (an idea as comic as it is brilliantly worked out) and the syncopated Hornpipe. Mr Seaman conducted from the harpsichord with plenty of expertise but almost too plainly. Not *that the music should sound* like a harpsichord concerto, but in slow movements there were empty spaces which could have done with rhythmical filling-in. The string parts also needed some extra cadential trills, and in the second Largo perhaps a modicum of judicious embellishment so as not to suggest austerity.

Tempi were nicely judged here and in the Mozart works, the Linz Symphony (the second movement rather brisk for Poco Adagio) and the D major violin concerto K 218; so was orchestral nuance, a constant delight especially when oboes and horns were involved. Mr Seaman favours vigorous Mozart, cleanly outlined and firmly characterized. Regrettably, I hope untypically, he hurried quick movements, clipping their rests and pauses, and longer notevalues sometimes. In the violin concerto I was inclined to blame the soloist, György Pauk, who was himself skating (he redeemed his reputation in the Andantes). But the same faults marred the performance of the symphony. Some dear friend must give Mr Seaman a keepsake with the motto "Zeit lassen".

Why the US wants to wash its hands of Vietnam

New York, April 10

One of the most remarkable features of the collapse in Vietnam has been the passivity and resignation of American public opinion as the situation developed. It has certainly been a painful time for most Americans, as they watched the crumbling of something that they had supported with so much effort. Yet barely a voice has been raised to suggest that the United States should involve itself again in trying to hold back the communist forces from Saigon.

The only significant move has been the rush to adopt orphans living evacuated from Vietnam. This has been a generous response, and one well in the American tradition. It also serves to purge the feelings of guilt that many Americans undoubtedly feel. Yet it is a wholly inadequate response to the scale of the upheaval in Vietnam.

The fact is that most Americans, even those who supported involvement in Indo-China, feel that they have done enough. When President Ford or Dr Kissinger speak of an obligation to Saigon, the reply is that the Americans have poured $150,000m into Vietnam, lost 55,000 men dead, and launched a divisive issue which is still having its effects in American society. What more can be expected of them?

This feeling has been reinforced by the completeness of the collapse of the South Vietnamese forces, and reports that they abandoned as much as $1,000m worth of equipment. What is the good, it is asked, of pouring more money and equipment into South Vietnam if it is simply going to go down the drain the same way?

The result is that Professor Walt Rostow, one of the architects of Vietnam policy under President Johnson, is laughed out of court when he suggests landing the marines in North Vietnam in order to create a diversion. Most Americans, according to soundings by the opinion polls and by Congressmen, do not want even to send any more military aid to South Vietnam, let alone American troops.

Aid for humanitarian purposes is another question, though even on this there is the feeling that Americans have plenty of problems of their own as a result of the recession and the high level of unemployment. But in Congress this is bound to get a more sympathetic reception. Men such as Senator Humphrey and Senator Kennedy have been speaking of aid to the refugees on both sides, those under communist rule and those still coming under Saigon.

Time magazine reported recently that Americans were "fed up and turned off" by South-east Asia in general, and were far more concerned by their own economic problems at home. It quoted Mr Don Bonker, a Democratic congressman from Washington state, as saying: "People are drained. They want to bury the memory of Indo-China. They regard it as a tragic chapter in American life, but they want no further part of it."

More than that, they are more sceptical than ever before of the claims made to them by the Administration. This is one of the long term effects of the Vietnam involvement and of the Watergate crisis that followed it. People feel that they have been lied to on too many occasions by the Administration, and do not want to be taken for another ride.

This attitude is reflected in Congress, whose members are always close to their constituents' ideas. Congress, too, is determined to stand up for its rights in the decision-making process, and to block adventurous moves by the Administration that it disapproves of.

This state of affairs is bound to be a disturbing one for other countries which rely on the United States for their protection. Much is going to depend on whether Americans, in many ways a volatile people, find their confidence in themselves and the American way again. At the moment, there is a strong tendency to regard the world as full of more or less hostile foreigners, whether communists, extortionate Arabs, or rich and complacent Europeans, and to concentrate on internal affairs.

Meanwhile most of them still have to come to terms with Vietnam. Attempts are being made to do this, and it was significant that the other night, while Hollywood was gaudily distributing its Oscars in its traditional tinselly style, one of the main television networks chose to run a background investigation into American involvement in both Vietnam and Cambodia. It was quite a contrast.

Yet *Hearts and Minds*, the Vietnam film that won an Oscar as best documentary of the year, suggests that there is a long way to go before a really balanced view is formed. The film is intended as a look at both sides of the issue, but it succeeds in doing little more than presenting the war as one between brutal Americans with bombers and unarmed Vietnamese peasants.

One does not have to be a supporter of American policies in Vietnam to find that inadequate. The film presents no coherent explanation of how the Americans got themselves into Vietnam and, perhaps more significant, absolutely no attempt to explain the realities in Vietnam itself which led to the war. It was, after all, the Americans' failure to understand these realities in a society so very different from their own that was responsible for so many miscalculations.

The film does, however, say much about the mood of self-accusation in many parts of the United States. Americans are disconcerted and disillusioned by their experience in Vietnam, and while some are going in for breast-beating, others want to forget all about it.

Peter Strafford

Has Mr Vorster's 'six months of change' in South Africa counted for anything?

"If independence can be won peacefully, then people should not die unnecessarily. And further, if independence cannot be achieved peacefully, the people concerned must use violence rather than accept permanent domination." In these words, President Nyerere of Tanzania, opening this week's OAU foreign ministers meeting in Dar es Salaam, summed up the approach of those African leaders who have been trying to get Rhodesian talks going over the past few months. They are sentiments that exactly express the attitudes of President Kaunda of Zambia, who has been one of the main architects of whatever progress has been made in the search for a Rhodesian settlement. Without his pressure the African National Council would never have become the umbrella for the divided nationalist organizations in Rhodesia, ZANU, ZAPU and Frolizi.

Similarly, on the other side of the fence, South Africa's Prime Minister, John Vorster, has been instrumental in pushing Mr Smith into talks about talks.

This current alliance, though it might more properly be called a *mésalliance*, between President Kaunda and Mr Vorster is a curious one. Their last attempt at cooperation and communication came to an abrupt end in 1971 when Mr Vorster released the details of confidential letters he had received from President Kaunda. This was seen at the time as a deliberate attempt to cause sufficient problems in Zambia to lead to the overthrow of President Kaunda.

It is therefore surprising that the two men have come together again in a common aim, especially since they are both committed to principles that could hardly be more opposed. The closeness of their cooperation however can be judged from the fact that it was the Zambian Foreign Minister who publicly announced this week that South African security forces in Rhodesia would be withdrawn by the end of next month.

President Kaunda: a curious alliance for a common aim.

President Kaunda is a dedicated Christian and a humanist, with a strong, even overriding, belief in the moral necessity for majority rule in the whole of southern Africa. His attitude to the Rhodesian situation and to the problems of southern Africa has remained consistent and clear cut during his political life. These views came out in the *Lusaka manifesto* of last year or as an alternative to the Organization of African Unity's statement from Mogadishu.

The basic commitment in both cases is majority rule. To the extent that the former postulates a peaceful solution and the latter envisages force they may appear contradictory. For President Kaunda they are clearly alternatives, with the peaceful approach being infinitely preferable. Indeed the recent arrests of ZANU leaders in Lusaka suggests that he is staking his prestige on this and for the time being rejecting a return to confrontation.

Mr Vorster's attitudes have remained consistent and clear. Since Rhodesia declared UDI he has continued to support it, quietly, undramatically, but consistently. It seems to be largely forgotten in the euphoria of recent progress towards talks in Rhodesia, that Mr Vorster's vision of a ghastly future is due substantially to his own continued help for Ian Smith. In recent months he has also shown how much of a politician he is and therefore how pragmatic he is prepared to be.

His own rise to prominence was based upon a staunch Afrikaner approach and led him into being a tough Minister of the Interior; this has now been tempered by self-interest and the knowledge of the dangers that South Africa will surely face in the future if concessions are not made.

Mr Vorster is still a tough, hard man, with the same bluff and hearty attitudes; but he has been showing, since he became Prime Minister, a good sense of box-office relations and, recently, a sense of theatre.

With sudden visits to Ivory Coast and Liberia (the latter first secret until leaked by the Liberians to *The Times* and the leaks of other secret contacts, Mr Vorster seems to be trying to capture the imagination at the Kissinger level. It's all dazzling and exciting and good publicity—but whether it's going to solve anything remains to be seen.

To judge by what has been happening in South Africa itself, it doesn't appear likely. Mr Vorster asked some months ago for six months to demonstrate how much South Africa was going to change; six months in which people's ideas about internal policies in South Africa would alter dramatically, he claimed. The six months are nearly up. Some more "petty apartheid restrictions have been lifted and this week part of the restrictions on one banned nationalist leader were removed. There is an indication that some other nationalist leaders may also have their restrictions lifted—but Robben Island is still there and will remain so, and real concessions are not going to be given.

In his latest round of talks with black and Coloured leaders Mr Vorster offered virtually nothing, hardly even palliatives. He has in fact made it clear that détente dialogue will go on within the parameters of separate development within South Africa.

Whatever dealing takes place with black African states to the north, and however many black political leaders and others may come to South Africa, Mr Vorster has no intention of allowing political

Mr Vorster: trying for a bargain with black Africa.

power to go anywhere near the Coloured or black communities. This was clearly demonstrated by his immediate reaction to the Labour Party's victory in the elections for the Coloured Representative Council last week.

In fact, Mr Vorster is now trying to make an implicit bargain with black Africa. In exchange for "dropping" Rhodesia, and if necessary Namibia (though there it seems as if he will try and hang on indirectly with some version of separate development), and with the help of a bit of window dressing at home, he is hoping to expand the dialogue with stable black governments to the north. Then South Africa's economic power can get to work. Once that has got a grip, countries that step out of line can be, and according to sources close to Mr Vorster will be, "clobbered, and hard".

South Africa's economic muscle is already employed at the private level on a considerable scale. Men like Harry Oppenheimer and Anton Rupert have widespread and friendly contacts with black Africa. Mr Oppenheimer, in particular, is a close friend of President Kaunda and no doubt serves as an indirect channel of communication to and from South Africa. He and others provide a reservoir of personal good feelings that Mr Vorster has not yet really tapped. Certainly, economic contacts are growing and with the imminent independence of Mozambique will continue to do so; South Africa could undoubtedly help the poorer countries to the north very substantially, and no doubt will do so.

There is also no doubt that these economic factors are appreciated by President Kaunda, for Zambia has been badly hurt by the whole Rhodesian problem. President Kaunda would certainly accept, in the short run, some sort of dialogue in return for majority rule in Rhodesia and Namibia. But if Mr Vorster wants good relations with black Africa, and acceptance of South Africa as an African country, he will have to make genuine and real changes inside South Africa. That is the point where his own principles will stick, but nothing else will satisfy Africa in the long run.

Patrick Gilkes

Part one of an inquiry into the political situation in Jamaica

Mr Manley may run out of time to complete his reforms

Among the places of interest in Jamaica which the Commonwealth leaders may find spare time to visit at the conference next month are the gun court and the land-lease schemes. The gun court, which so proclaims itself on a blazing red fascia near the centre of Kingston, contains a magistrates' court and a detention centre inside the same wire perimeter. Anyone caught with a firearm is taken there and tried; if found guilty he goes into prison a hundred yards from the dock for an indefinite sentence. The land-lease schemes are less spectacular: simply estates bought by the government and cut up into smallholdings where young people earnestly and energetically grow food, build homes and pay back the purchase price and rent in kind from surplus produce.

Apparently unrelated, these two innovations of the People National Party Government elected three years ago epitomize Mr Michael Manley's assault on the intractable and menacing problem of Jamaica's poverty and social division between a mainly brown bourgeoisie and a mainly black proletariat.

Land-lease is the core of an agricultural policy which seeks to redistribute wealth and dignity in favour of agricultural work and life, to make Jamaica self-sufficient in food, and above all to halt the drift of unemployable and disaffected young people to the slums, there to reinforce a long-established criminal community and to deepen the atmosphere of desperation. The gun court is aimed at halting the steady deterioration of crime that has an economic basis into a vicious violence that has threatened at times to overwhelm the resources of law and order. Above all, it is aimed at those who through the organization of the drug trade (local "ganja" and South American cannabis in transit) to the United States, supply Jamaican thugs with pistols. Mr Manley is determined at once to smite crime while opening up creative alternatives to Jamaica's youth.

So far the Government's efforts amount to little more than a holding operation in a situation in which nearly 25 per cent of the working population is unemployed and unemployable. Land-lease is only part of the policy: government relief works in the capital, which amounts to little more than street cleaning, pump some purchasing power into the slums, while higher sugar workers' wages have brought relief to the countryside. To solve the problem, Mr Manley told me recently, might well take five or more years of intense concentration upon the rebuilding of Jamaica's agriculture, ranging from basic land use to cooperative marketing. But he added that, however limited the results achieved so far (and he was hopeful that the groundwork had been well laid), but for them Kingston would have drowned by now in its crime.

This may well be so. When I visited Kingston 18 months ago, crime was surging and murders were of almost daily occurrence. There was an atmosphere of apprehension. The relaxation this year is very noticeable. The crisis has receded.

The opposition, however, is far more vocal, now that the Jamaica Labour Party has recovered from the shock of defeat and reorganized under Mr Seaga's leadership. The Government's policy is fiercely attacked, and in the inflationary price rises, which Mr Seaga claims are 50 per cent government-generated, there is an easy stick to beat the administration. Land-lease, Mr Manley's pride and joy, is dismissed as welfare agriculture,

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the relief programme is said at once to attract labour from the very farms Mr Manley is trying to improve, and to be a P.N.P. pork-barrel.

The gun court is being appealed by opposition lawyers to the Privy Council as unconstitutional on the grounds that indeterminate sentences are "cruel and unusual" punishments (in fact, some have already been released) and that the appointment of magistrates is done in a way that violates the judiciary code. The opposition further argues that Mr Manley's "democratic socialism" really implies the introduction of a one-party state possibly on Tanzanian lines (President Nyerere made a big impression in Jamaica recently). It is whispered that Jamaica will soon become a republic like Guyana, and lead the way for all the West Indian islands.

Yet Mr Seaga's claim that he is attracting record crowds to protest the price of condensed milk and other staples, and that the government will be defeated at the next election, in fact attests the deep roots of Jamaica's two-party system. Mr Manley himself said in his recent political credo, *The Politics of Change*, that the two-party system is unchangeable, a necessary basis for Jamaican democracy. And he says that Jamaica, as a non-tribal and sophisticated western hemisphere society, cannot be compared with Africa in political terms. Indeed elections to office at every level are almost more passionately pursued than in Britain.

The collaboration of the two parties has always been, as in Britain, necessary to the running of Jamaican affairs, and it may be that there is too little now. It has been said that Jamaica is an alternating one-party state, because the "outs" so neglect their duty loyally to oppose in Parliament (rather than in the press, in party rallies, and in cocktail parties).

If the two parties collaborated, it is in fact possible that they would agree to work for a republic in search of a new national identity. It was not only Mr Manley who told me that the young, to whom the colonial past is ancient history, are now puzzled by having a foreign monarch as head of state. But if one party wanted to make the change, the other would soon suggest ulterior motives behind a commonsense reform, and for one party to act alone would require the overthrow of the constitution and its entrenched clauses. A republic will come—but in "Jamaican time".

Whatever Mr Seaga says, it is the practice of the electorate to give each party two terms in office. The 10-year swing of the pendulum rarely exceeds 5 per cent (the PNP probably has 55 per cent of the electorate to 45 per cent of the JLP). This gives Mr Manley seven more years to carry through democratically the transformation of the social structure he thinks alone will save Jamaica from disaster. The real question is can he do it in that time? On the answer the fate of the Caribbean might turn.

Roy Lewis

To be continued

Mr Manley gives a hand in clearing the land for agriculture.

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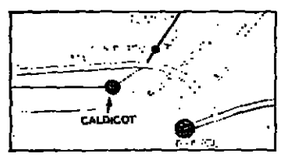

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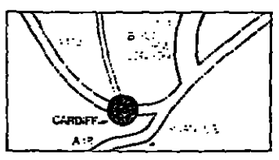

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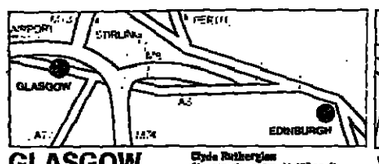

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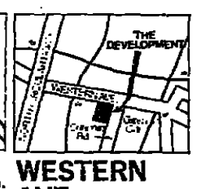

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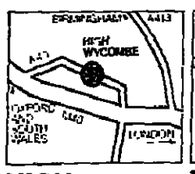

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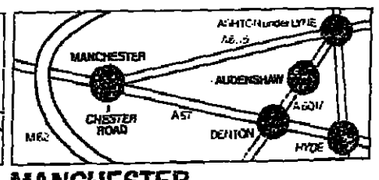

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The Times Diary

Let's leave out all the bad news

I think the Confederation of British Industry have hit on something when they said in evidence to the Royal Commission on the press, that if strikes were less fully reported they might more easily go away. I think we should all feel a lot better if that principle were extended to other areas.

Weather forecasts, for example, seriously sap the nation's morale, and should be omitted unless fine weather can be guaranteed. For the same reason, British teams should be reported as winning all international sporting clashes, regardless of the actual result.

Reports of train delays should be replaced by lists of trains which arrive on time, which should not take up too much space. And the growing emphasis on consumer complaints about shoddy goods is clearly bad for business. Instead, we should print positive reports headlined: ONE IN TEN BRITISH CARS HAS NO TEETHING TROUBLES.

Political reporting could be reorganized in the same way. As the CBI so sagaciously say, "sometimes a press report can harden attitudes on both sides", so instead of searching for inter-party and intra-party disputes, reporters should stress areas of agreement. Thus: COMMONS VOTE UNANIMOUSLY AGAINST SIN, FOR VIRTUE AND MOTHERHOOD.

Come to think of it, the CBI scheme is not particularly new. My recent trip to Moscow provided evidence that a version of it is operated there with such success that the two main newspapers sell many millions of copies each. But the strongest of all arguments in its favour is that if the newspapers gave less coverage to the activities of strikers they would, for the sake of balance, be obliged to pay less regard to inane statements by the CBI.

The Tate Gallery, which helps guard our artistic heritage, has had a poster banned by London Transport. One of a series boasting the Tate's riches, the poster shows a Matisse draped nude with the caption for the series: "You haven't seen the half of it." London Transport surprised the gallery by pointing out how inflammatory to graffitists such a combination would be. "We never thought you could take it like that until they told us", mused a member of the staff.

Memory lane

Crawfords advertising agency are staging from Tuesday an exhibition of Early British Advertising at the Time-Life Building, in New Bond Street, to celebrate their 60th anniversary. Stuart Duncan, the firm's present chairman, seldom struck for a copy line, says the exhibition will be "a beautiful memory lane bursting with talent . . . colloquialisms that are now moulded in the past and have become part of our national heritage".

The most familiar colloquialisms among the 300 exhibits include Great Stuff this Bass, Walk the Barratt Way, Good Mornings begin with Gillette, Dig for Victory and Keep Death off the Road. There are also campaigns for Heinz 14 Soups (later Heinz 15 Hot Soups, when they added spinach) and Crawford's own shaving soap which got the face "as smooth as a Scotsman's sixpence".

Dewar's whisky told people to "drink little and choose wisely", and teamed up with another Crawfords client when recommending Eno's fruit salts for "correcting the lesser lapses". Eno's were big advertisers, telling their readers: "Walk down any street of any city and you will see the ravages of unsuspected constipation".

The advertisements provide other insights into social history. During the twenties Lea and Perrins shifted from lines like "I shall order a bottle for the kirmhen today" to "My dear, the dinner was a huge success—and I cooked it all myself!"

The art of publicity (as Herbert Read called it in a study of one of Crawfords' directors in the thirties) consists in optimism. Even at the start of the Depression, Crawfords' house advertising took the bold line: "We believe that there are no economic obstacles in the world which can withstand the combination of courage, good goods, and Crawford advertising."

Unready

London Transport over-reached itself when it increased tube fares: there are now not enough tickets to go round. Many travellers are having to buy tickets at the old rate and pay the difference when they reach their destinations. One booking office clerk said: "I'm getting hoarse having to tell people about the ticket shortage."

The reason for the shortage is that the people who supply LT with plates, used to print tickets in ticket offices, went out of business just before the increases. This meant that when LT wanted to replate to cope with the new fares there was nobody to supply the plates. This has resulted in a run on pre-printed tickets and stocks have become depleted.

Now, however, LT has found new plate suppliers and the situation should be back to normal within a few weeks. Meanwhile, travellers are warned against paying for, say, a 20p fare by buying a 15p ticket and a 5p ticket, since this sort of thing only adds to the confusion. Ticket collectors believe in one man, one ticket.

Dramatic

A campaign to sell British theatre in the United States will open next week when Moira Lister and Richard Todd begin a four-week tour. They will appear on at least 30 talk shows to promote a scheme in which travel agents throughout the States will sell tickets to British plays. This will be done through the offices of Keith Prowse in New York.

The £15,000 promotion is backed by Prowse, the British Tourist authority and six impresarios. It is being launched because the West End was short of Americans last year. For one reason or another (Watergate and the IRA bombs had something to do with it) there was a dramatic 19 per cent drop in the number of Americans visiting Britain—and Americans make up 50 per cent of West End theatre audiences during the summer. London theatres are hoping that this promotion will bring the good times back.

Clashing

While the Fine Rooms at Somerset House have been meticulously redecorated and widely praised, less care has been taken over the building's less glamorous bits. An aggrieved civil servant telephoned us to complain that the room she was expected to occupy in the house was being painted in depressing muddy colours and in a slipshod way.

Harold Yexley, the senior architect with the Department of the Environment's historic buildings and monuments division, admits there was an inter-departmental muddle while his attention was elsewhere.

"Normally we would have been consulted, but the rooms were needed in a hurry, and it was decided to redecorate them at the eleventh hour. We had a general outline scheme for Somerset House, but they did not refer to that. Frankly it was rather dull and out of date anyway.

"Unfortunately they chose schemes which we would normally only use for modern office blocks. They were not appropriate for the building, or for the people working here, who are people of discernment."

The redecoration, of about a dozen rooms in the East Wing, was halted when the mistake was realized, and everything remaining unpainted was covered in white. "Unfortunately painting rooms of this size is so expensive that we could not recover what had already been painted," says Yexley.

As a result, one corner room on the ground floor of the East Wing has one wall, including its rail and skirting board, in dark drab, another in lighter drab, and two in white, while the door is a car-maker's blue. "It is a bit hard", said Yexley, glumly, looking at the door. "I imagine it was chosen to match the carpet."

Humphrey Lyttelton and several of his fans have written pointing out that he is not a "former jazz musician", as I described him last week, but is still active and excellent at it. I apologize for this bad error, which is sure to encourage those of my readers who have long believed that I ought to be a former Diary writer.

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HO ARE THE MASTERS NEXT?

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is good for Mr Mikardo must be bad for the rest of us.

Mr Wilson's game is therefore by no means played out. He is still Prime Minister; he still has a majority in Parliament on any motion of confidence that is likely to come forward; his party though deeply divided has not reached the point at which his government cannot survive. There is likely to be a Labour Government in power on June 5 and on June 5 the nation is more likely than not to vote for staying in Europe, a vote which will repudiate the left and will thereby preserve Mr Wilson.

It is very difficult to judge what will happen then. Mr Wilson will in these circumstances have had a victory, but only after prolonged and bitter fighting inside his own party. The left will of course have suffered a defeat, and certainly they will be in nothing like the position of strength that a victory would give them. Yet they will remain in control of all the levers of power except those of the parliamentary party and of the Government itself. The left in the Labour Party are now far stronger than they were at any time in the Bevanite period.

It is hard to believe that the extremist group will cease in their efforts to take over the Labour Party as a whole. One defeat will not destroy their appetite for power, which has been sharpened already by the bitterness of the present debate. The left want to smash the control of the Labour Government by moderates, that is to say by Mr Wilson, Mr Callaghan, Mr Healey, Mr Jenkins, Mr Crosland, Mrs Williams, Mr Lever, Mr Prentice, Mr Mason and people with their views. That is what the battle is about, and nobody can be sure who is going to win it.

For those concerned with the maintenance of British freedoms and the avoidance of a socialist state there is one constitutional issue which is of extreme importance; that is the issue of electoral reform. It is quite proper that the perhaps fifteen per cent of the electorate who hold socialist views should want to have a fully socialist party to express them. It is quite intolerable that the British electoral system should make it almost a gamble, a matter of chance, whether these views are or are not imposed on the eighty-five per cent who do not share them.

A fair system of election, such for instance as has produced the stable postwar governments of Germany, would make it impossible for the extreme left wing to obtain power in Britain unless and until they could win the majority of the votes of the British people. Anyone at this stage of our political history who does not support electoral reform is risking the future domination of the nation by an unrepresentative, extremist, socialist minority. That is a risk inherent in our present electoral system, as it was inherent in the Chilean electoral system which gave power to Señor Allende, that hero of our own left, and resulted in the extinction of the freedom of Chile.

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E CASE OF JAMES HANRATTY

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who was herself shot and paralysed by the murderer of her companion. Moreover, witnesses' recollections are inevitably altered by the passage of time, in this case nearly 14 years. Others who could throw light on the case are dead. In addition, the most important evidence, Mr Hanratty's own, could not be heard and tested. This and previous investigations into the Hanratty case show clearly the impossibility of holding a satisfactory inquiry so many years after the event.

Mr Hawser's assessment still leaves some questions unanswered. Principal among them is the issue of Miss Storie's first statement to the police. For some unexplained reason it was not put before the jury at the trial and, indeed, only came to light last year. It differed in some respects from the evidence given by Miss Storie. One of the points made by Hanratty's supporters was that the jury did not have the opportunity of having these inconsistencies ventilated. Mr Hawser came to the conclusion that this could have made no difference to the verdict. This finding, unfortunately, as is already clear, will not be easily accepted by the proponents of Hanratty's innocence. Nor will his rejection of the evidence of witnesses claiming to support Hanratty's alibi that he was in Rhyl at the time of the murder.

Mr Hawser's findings are a personal tragedy to Hanratty's family, who have fought for fourteen years to clear his name. But his analysis is about as thorough as is possible under the circumstances and given the length of time which has elapsed since the murder. No good would be served by appointing another, public, inquiry, as has already been demanded. A startling new development throwing different light on the case is still possible, although unlikely. In the absence of such an event, and despite the unsatisfactoriness of never quite knowing all the answers to the issues raised, it would be a pity if Mr Hawser's assessment were not to be accepted as the last word.

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that any warning, however bloodcurdling, will be disregarded by smokers as soon as it becomes familiar.

The manufacturers have yielded on a point which may be of greater significance. They have agreed that the code of advertising practice that they have applied since 1964 should be controlled by the Advertising Standards Authority and not by themselves. It is right that there should be some external restraint on advertising, although in the nature of things the distinction between attributing glamour to a brand (which is the whole purpose of the exercise) and attributing glamour to smoking as such is a somewhat artificial one.

Smoking is so deeply ingrained in public habits that there is no simple way of controlling it, and really strong measures raise serious problems of freedom of choice. Dependence and fear often (perhaps usually) coexist in the same individual. In the recent Gallup poll of smokers' opinions it is striking (even allowing for the distinction between what one really wants and what one will admit to wanting) how many smokers say that they would approve of much stronger controls, even to the extent of a total ban on sales. It is well established that even well-publicized campaigns stressing the dangers of tobacco have only a temporary effect on the steady growth in consumption. In these circumstances controls on advertising—though they may be worth trying—cannot be expected to have a fundamental effect.

A more powerful weapon, that of drastically increased taxation, is available to a government prepared to take on the odium of using it. Because smoking is a factor counted in the cost-of-living index, this would have implications for the social contract, as well as causing some distress to heavy smokers who might find themselves unable to cut down. At an extreme point, there would be the danger of a black market developing. These problems do not arise to the same extent if the penalty is applied mainly or only to cigarettes rather than to pipe tobacco and cigars, which are demonstrably far less dangerous. Whether Dr Owen has reminded Mr Healey of these considerations, and to what effect, remains to be seen. With recent inflation cigarette prices have certainly increased much less than wages; a price of 50p for a packet of twenty would be needed if there were to be any serious effect on consumption, and saving of lives.

gins of third world

: Mr Daniel P. Moynihan

I was troubled by Mr Peter
ford's account (March 20) of
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which describes me as some-
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I am accused of this all the
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Respectfully,
DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN,
Harvard University,
Department of Government,
Cambridge, Mass.
April 3.

Speaking personally

From Mr John Nandris

Sir, The Public Orator of Oxford has drawn attention to the highly developed, almost professional, sense of grievance which objects to the suffix "-man". Surely there is a very grave dilemma for female persons who feel miz about this, for they can only be pronounced as *woo-persons*, or better perhaps *woo-bodies?* Fortunately there are a great many real women still around, with whom we can jointly endeavour to improve the lot, the dignity, the philology, and thank goodness the *biology of mankind*.

Yours, etc,
J. NANDRIS,
62 Canonbury Park South, N1.
April 8.

Blood donors' age rule

From Miss Cresta Norris

Sir, Colonel P. D. Maud argues (April 8) against the maximum age limit of blood donorship being 65; I should like to point out that his argument also applies to the minimum age.

As a member of the University of Bristol I went with a group of friends to the blood transfusion unit set up within our students' union. I too was administered by kindly nurses and watched with pallid interest the blood tubed out of my arm. Halfway through the proceedings the nurse having asked her preliminary questions inquired my date of birth. Horrors! I was not yet 18. Despite my obvious health and vigour I was hurriedly removed from the donor unit and they threw away my valuable half pint.

Surely Colonel Maud is correct in thinking that blood donorship should not be limited by age but by personal health as approved by a doctor.

Yours faithfully,
CRESTA NORRIS,
20 Caledonia Place,
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Bristol 8.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Charities and new postal charges

From Mr Hugh Faulkner and others

Sir, The refusal of the Government so far to consider some form of subsidy to relieve charities of the extra costs of post and telephone charges is a serious blow to those working to alleviate distress. It is likely that the many thousands of the public who support the work of such charities do not appreciate the crippling effect these severe increases will have on charitable work.

The increases could mean that much of the existing work which charities are now able to carry out through the generosity of the public may have to be curtailed. Some new work may be impossible and society will be the poorer. Apart from directly improving the conditions in which some people live, and generating a spirit of compassion and concern throughout the country, charities fulfill a vital function in increasing public awareness of social needs.

Our organizations, which are representative of a wide field of charitable work, calculate that these increased charges will cost our four charities some £200,000 in one year. This money, given for charitable work, would have been spent on housing, food and medical supplies, day centres, emergency aid and the care of the younger generation both at home and overseas. It is not too dramatic to say that it would literally have saved some lives, and for others provided a measure of assistance, comfort and dignity they otherwise would not have had.

We feel there are compelling reasons for the Government to absolve charities, whose work is to relieve distress, from these increases, and we believe there are no administrative problems in operating such a concession.

We believe we represent millions of supporters throughout Great Britain who are conscientious people with compassion and a desire to see something done for those in need, over and above the services provided by the State, including the Department of the Environment, the Department of Health and Social Security and the Department of Overseas Aid.

We hope that the Government will reconsider its attitude in this matter and grant appropriate concessions in the interests of compassion and practical goodwill which the British public clearly desire to demonstrate through ongoing charities.

Yours truly,
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KENNETH EDWARDS,
Administrative Officer, Christian Aid,
KEITH MANLEY,
Finance Director, Dr Barnardo's,
DOUGLAS TILBE, Director,
Shelter,
PO Box 2AP, London W1.

Speeding fines

From Mr J. D. Clarke

Sir, In conveying the annoyance of the spokesman for the British Legal Association at the suggested level of fines for speeding offences you quote him as complaining because it could mean that with "the suggested speeding fines of £1.50 for each mile per hour over the limit a man could be fined the whole of his week's net income."

Such a system operates in some towns in the United States of America. Anyone contemplating breaking the speeding laws would do well to heed the advice said to be found on notices displayed at the entrance to such towns. Having given due warning both of the speed limit in the town and of the rising level of fines imposed locally, such notices conclude with the very practical warning to the passing motorist to "select a speed you can afford."

Yours faithfully,
J. D. CLARKE,
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Westlecot Road,
Swindon, Wiltshire.

Chilston Park

From Mr D. G. England

Sir, Lord Monckton of Brenchley and others, writing in your columns on April 3, refer to Chilston Park, Sandway, and the proposals for the M20. Your readers would not guess from this that, during the four weeks of the public inquiry, the points they raise again were made and examined in great detail, with a somewhat different conclusion.

What concerns us is that your readers should be made aware of other facts and views held equally sincerely by residents of this parish, within which Sandway is situated, who also are affected by the proposed M20.

The trees were the subject of independent evidence showing, in the inspector's words, that "Chilston Park has been badly neglected for the past three decades and this applies particularly to the trees". Regarding Pevsner, he actually says "in the county" and not "in the country"—some difference—and he continues "Today the waters have contracted into a reedy lake beyond the forecourt": so much for Evelyn's "sweetly watered place".

As for the "vista" which would allegedly be destroyed it should be noted that the owner does not live in the mansion which has been empty for several years. This vista is thus of almost academic value since evidence was given that "the general public, while legally entitled to use the footpath, is by no means welcome in the park".

As the only *local* amenity society we are greatly concerned with our environment, that is to say with "the conditions or influences under which any person or thing lives" (*OED*). The M20 will cross our parish whichever route is chosen and thus influence our lives. Accordingly, of all the routes we support the Secretary of State's latest proposal as being the one which has the least harmful influence on the greatest number of persons and which follows the policy of "Putting People First".

Yours faithfully,
D. G. ENGLAND,
Chairman, the Lenham Society,
Old Meads, Lenham, Kent.

The discovery of pulsars

From Professor A. Hewish, FRS

Sir, Sir Fred Hoyle's supposition (Letters, April 8) that pulsed radiation from pulsars was discovered "in about a two-month period up to September, 1967" is quite untrue and it both saddens and astonishes me that he is so free with his comments yet so careless in establishing the facts. A brief consultation of, for example, the *Annual Review of Astronomy and Astrophysics* (1970), or Miss S. J. Bell's PhD dissertation which has been freely available for six years, is all that was necessary. In order that he, and others, may view this matter in true perspective the salient points were as follows.

1. The sky survey, which I initiated, was designed specifically to reveal all radio sources which showed the rapidly varying intensity caused by interplanetary scintillation.

2. As my student on this project Miss Bell had the task of analysing the records and plotting every fluctuating source that occurred. The entire sky was scanned at weekly intervals and, at my suggestion, she kept a pictorial chart to discriminate genuine sources from radio interference.

3. In late August, 1967, Miss Bell drew my attention to a source which appeared to be scintillating more strongly than expected considering that it lay at a large solar elongation. We were aware that this "source" could have been an interfering signal, but knew that it would reappear each week if genuine.

4. By the end of September the routine survey records had shown that the source was present on several occasions, but it was not always found. The position appeared to shift significantly from day to day by up to 90 seconds in sidereal time. This did not engender confidence in a celestial origin.

5. In October a fast recorder became available as I had initiated special observations of 3C 273 to test aspects of the scintillation theory. I decided, jointly with Miss Bell, that we should investigate the unusual source with this equipment. My own supposition at that stage was that we might be dealing with a flare star.

6. On November 28, 1967, Miss Bell ran this recorder and obtained the first indication of the pulsed nature of the radiation. She telephoned me as I was teaching at the time and we arranged, henceforth, to make daily observations of the source.

7. Knowing that the radiation was pulsed made it possible to ascertain the electrical phase of the signals and this enabled me to reanalyse past routine survey records and to show that the celestial coordinates were, in fact, constant and not variable as we had previously thought.

8. On December 11 I initiated timing measurements which eventually revealed the phenomenal accuracy of the pulses. I thereafter carried out the Doppler shift measurements which, by early January, 1968, had largely removed the possibility that the signals were generated by another civilization on an alien planet.

9. In the light of other evidence described in our account of the discovery I concluded, in discussion with my colleagues, that the signals were generated by a collapsed star.

10. Our results were submitted for publication, in *Nature*, on February 8 and were published on February 24.

I hope that these facts will make it clear to Sir Fred Hoyle that there was nothing other than half-baked science in our minds until early 1968. Miss Bell's performance as a graduate student was exemplary and it was her diligent analysis of the records that led to our discovery soon after my telescope was brought into use. But it is unjust to the painstaking efforts of others who have continued the sky survey to suggest that their work would have overlooked the first pulsars.

Yours, etc,
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Cavendish Laboratory,
Madingley Road, Cambridge.

The EEC Commission

From Mr Eric Ogden, Labour MP for Liverpool, West Derby

Sir, I can reassure your readers that they need not share the anxieties of Lord Bruce of Donington (April 9) over the EEC Commission's powers with respect to VAT. The Prime Minister's statement in Dublin about the ability of the Government to prevent the taxation of necessities was not meant to suggest that this was the limit of the Government's possibilities in this field. No Commission proposal on VAT can come into force without the approval of the Council of Ministers. I can assure Lord Bruce that the Government would consider this a matter of importance and therefore something on which they would, if necessary, exercise their veto.

The Commission's intentions and desires are one thing, but all that can be put into effect is what Governments would agree to. The decision about multi-rate VAT lies in the Government's hands, to be decided on grounds of British interests alone.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC OGDEN,
House of Commons.

From Sir Lance Mallalieu, QC

Sir, How many electors there must be who say about the forthcoming referendum on the Common Market: How can I be expected to make up my mind about this when so many eminent people differ strongly about it? Both sides can't surely be right: and if the professionals can't agree, how can I—who try to get on with my own work as best I can and can't, therefore, devote much time to complicated economic matters—how can I be expected to form a useful opinion?

May I offer one answer? Can anyone think of a better way of liquidating the effects of the Franco-German rivalry which has caused such tragedy and havoc through the centuries, than for them both to agree to share the same harness with their neighbours (and the more the better) in such a way as to make armed conflict between them virtually impossible?

The formation of the European Economic Community is a memorable coming together of peoples, in keeping with the trends of history. It is a notable contribution to the peace and happiness of the world.

I am, Sir, yours, etc,
LANCE MALLALIEU,
40 Westminster Gardens,
Marsham Street, SW1.

From Mr Peter Calvocoressi

Sir, I seek guidance about my vote in the EEC referendum. I assume two things: first, that the main issue is economic because the EEC is an economic association and because we are in economic trouble; and second, that our main external economic concern is to maximize our exports of manufactured goods.

On these assumptions my question is this: Is it or is it not the case that western European non-EEC countries may now negotiate with the EEC free trade agreements for manufactured goods? If this is so, I cannot see any considerable economic advantage to the United Kingdom in membership, since we can get what we most need without membership. Consequently a pro-EEC vote is not a way to economic advantage. Have I correctly stated the guts of the matter?

It could of course still be right to vote yes as an acknowledgment of the impropriety of repudiating a treaty, but that is something different.

Yours,
PETER CALVOCORESSI,
Guise House,
Aspley Guise, Bedfordshire.

Voting when abroad

From Mr John Priestman

Sir, May I be allowed to comment on the question raised in the final paragraphs of your leading article and in the letter from Mrs Diana Royce on Tuesday, April 8?

I resigned from the Foreign Service in 1954 and have been working for the Council of Europe in Strasbourg during the last 20 years. As a European civil servant dedicated to the achievement of greater unity between all the parliamentary democracies in Europe it would not of course be appropriate for me to express in public my personal views on the merits of Britain remaining a member of the European Communities; but I feel strongly that the arguments in favour of giving United Kingdom residents in EEC countries the special right to vote from abroad are in danger of becoming distorted.

Surely the distinction between the Europe of the Nine and the rest of geographical Europe is rather artificial. And would it be right to expect Parliament to enact legislation which discriminates in favour of one category of overseas residents? Why should a United Kingdom citizen living in Italy or France have privileges which are denied his fellow citizens living in Zurich, or indeed in Toronto, Bombay or Cairo?

While supporting the main conclusion of your leading article, therefore, I hope that any amendment tabled will make it clear that on an issue of such fundamental importance to the future of our country, all United Kingdom citizens who can establish their right of residence should be able to register with the nearest United Kingdom consulate and obtain the right to vote "yes" or "no" in the referendum.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PRIESTMAN,
Council of Europe,
Strasbourg.

Electric cars

From Mr John Cogle

Sir, Like Mr David Foster (April 3), I can see no prospect of large volume sales of battery electric cars. Even the legislation in the United States to limit pollution from road vehicles has had little, if any, effect.

One battery electric car now on sale in Britain at £2,800 has a performance quoted as 40 miles range at 40 miles an hour non-stop on a flat and level road with dry calm conditions and carrying only the driver and 144lb ballast.

The car Mr Yehudi Menuhin is importing from the United States (April 1) will probably cost nearly twice as much. I hope, for his sake, that in an emergency its braking system will be able to restrain the massive inertia of the numerous batteries it needs for its 100 mile range.

New types of batteries are being developed but none show much commercial promise for this application. In the meantime, electric cars with small auxiliary petrol or diesel engines do seem to have all the advantages of unlimited range plus very low fuel consumption. Pollution from internal combustion engines can be controlled although with the small engine proposed there would be much less nuisance.

The engines in petrol cars have to be sized to meet peak acceleration loads and are normally operating at powers well below their maximum. In the electric/petrol car, the petrol engine (only about 200cc capacity) is sized to meet the minimum constant power needed. The electric motor provides for acceleration and hill climbing and, during braking, descending hills and when stopped in traffic the motor generates power back into the battery.

When driving through built-up areas the petrol engine can be switched off. Driven normally, the car's battery will need little charging and hence is likely to have a long life. The cost of the maximum 40 miles journey using the electric drive only would be about 5p. Using both the electric and petrol engine drives for, say, a 350 mile journey would cost about £1.50 in petrol and the battery would not need changing if the average speed for the journey was around 35 miles an hour. Top speed would be 60 miles an hour.

Yours faithfully,
T. C. J. COGLE, Editor,
Electrical Review,
Dorset House,
Stamford Street, SE1.

Tapping the wine lake

From Mr H. R. Herbert

Sir, Surely the problem of the wine lakes could be approached in the same way as the butter and beef mountains?

There must be many thousands over 65 who, like myself, have retired on fixed pensions which deteriorate in purchasing power at the rate of 20 per cent per annum. These pensions for which we have worked and saved, will for many of us become valueless before we die. No party puts forward any policy to save us, though some hope for reduction to an "acceptable" rate of inflation which may postpone, but not prevent our extinction.

Why not therefore, allow us coupons to buy wine at half price, so that we may under its influence, forget for a short time the fact that our voting power and influence are not sufficient to prevent our destruction?

Yours faithfully,
H. R. HERBERT,
The Warren,
12 Fairway, Merrow,
Guildford, Surrey.

The Vietnam orphans

From the Reverend P. Ashe

Sir, I was surprised to hear some of the criticism of the *Daily Mail's* most generous gesture of sending a plane to Saigon to rescue some of the orphans.

Over the matter of the selection of children, the critics seem to think we went round the streets snatching babies out of their mothers' arms. The fact is that the children came from properly authorized orphanages, and all of them were genuine orphans—no orphanage would release a child for adoption if they did not have a correct "release certificate" or the child was certified as abandoned.

The directors of orphanages presented us with the list of children they wanted to send to England on Friday afternoon, April 4, and brought the children to the Project Vietnam Orphans (PVO) house on Saturday.

We considered the plane as a real answer to prayer—on Thursday we were told by the British Embassy that we would all have to leave, and we were desperate about how to get out the 15 children for whom the project were responsible, all of whom were in the process of adoption by British parents. The same applied to the other groups, Ockenden Venture and International Social Service.

Like Moses faced with the Red Sea we prayed that we might "Fear not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord". The following morning we were told of the airlift.

The orphans consisted in the end of 15 whose adoption was in process, 15 from orphanages in Saigon, and 24 from an orphanage evacuated from Qui Nhon—who were the really sick and dying children. Besides that we brought 23 for whom the Ockenden Venture was responsible, and the rest came from International Social Service destined for Europe.

There was also a misapprehension about the children's identity. All the children were identifiable by the groups who brought them or had identity marks. On arrival there was a little confusion concerning the actual names of some of the tiny babies evacuated from the Qui Nhon orphanage. When they had been originally abandoned in Qui Nhon the orphanages had given some of them the name of the street in which they were found. All the others have been identified by name.

Over the question of taking children from their culture, a dying baby has no "culture", it is a question of survival. It was stated by a Save the Children Fund doctor on the plane that a number of the children we brought would have died in the next few days—thirty-four of them are in British hospitals.

I am sure the criticism was well meant, but it is theoretical, and based on inadequate knowledge of the facts. I hope this will help clear up some of the misconceptions.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK ASHE, Chairman,
Project Vietnam Orphans,
62 Busbridge Lane,
Godalming, Surrey.

TV interviewers

From Mr Edward A. Smith

Sir, It is possible that Bishop Clarkson may be overrating the intelligence of young television interviewers when he refers to them as "loading and leading" (Letter, April 7). Not so long ago one of these young men pushed the knobkerry of his trade under the nose of an official in a case attracting public attention and said: "I know it is impossible to answer but . . .".

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD A. SMITH,
Baynhams,
Clearwell,
Coleford, Gloucestershire.

Why magnets work

From Professor E. P. Wohlfarth

Sir, In *The Times* of April 9 you report an address to the Classical Association at Keele University on the subject of magnetism. The headline and closing sentence imply that modern physics has not advanced beyond ancient science in understanding why magnets work. This letter is meant to stress that some understanding has been gained since ancient times, in particular, in the twentieth century. We now discuss the properties of magnets in terms of the well defined concepts of "domains", "electron interactions" and so on.

Not all the problems in understanding magnets have, of course, been solved and the subject continues to be lively and useful. To discuss the applications of magnetism to which this understanding as well as modern technological needs have led, a vast conference of almost 1,000 participants is to meet at Imperial College, London, on April 14-17. Members of the Classical Association would be sure of a warm welcome.

Yours faithfully,
E. P. WOHLFARTH,
Professor of Theoretical Magnetism,
Department of Mathematics,
Imperial College, SW7.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 10: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a Reception at Windsor Castle this evening for the Military Knights of Windsor.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 10: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, this evening was present at a Concert at St John's, Smith Square, in aid of the Ealing Autistic Trust, in association with the National Society for Autistic Children.
Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.
The Duchess of Gloucester was admitted to the Freedom of The Worshipful Company of Fan-makers, and later lunched with The Master, Members of the Court and their Ladies at St Botolph's Hall, London, EC2.
Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

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Luncheon

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Dinners

Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the following guests at dinner at the Mansion House yesterday:
Viscount Amory, the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Widgery, Baroness Gaitskell, the Chairman of the British Railways Board and Mrs Richard Marsh, Commander and Mrs William Willett, Mr Alderman and Mrs Kenneth Cork, Mr and Mrs Stanley Field, Mr and Mrs Mervyn Griffith-Jones, and Rear-Admiral and Mrs E. W. Ellis.

National Liberal Club
The political and economic circle of the National Liberal Club last night gave a dinner to Professor Ralf Dahrendorf, Director of the London School of Economics and Political Science. Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran was in the chair and was accompanied by Lady Lloyd.

British Paper and Board Industry Federation
The second annual dinner of the British Paper and Board Industry Federation was held at the Hilton hotel last night under the chairmanship of their newly elected president, Mr Thomas S. Corrigan, chairman and managing director of Inveresk Group. Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, was the chief guest.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Colonel Grenadier Guards, will attend the First Guards Club dinner at the Dorchester hotel on May 19.

Principessa Stefanella Sciarra, the Contessa della Gherardesca, the Contessa Nicoletta Visconti, Duchessa di Montaperto, Duchessa Canevaro, Signor and Signora Carlo Pascucci, and Prince and Principessa Tasca di Cutò, deeply regret that they were unable to attend the memorial service for Mrs Vivian Wanamaker on Wednesday.

Vicomte and Vicomtesse de Brisis deeply regret that they were unable to attend the memorial service for Mrs Vivian Wanamaker on Wednesday.

Sir Henry Havelock-Allan much regrets that he was prevented by illness from attending the memorial service for Mrs Vivian Wanamaker on Wednesday.

Hope Lady Allerton much regrets that owing to absence abroad she was unable to attend the memorial service for Mrs Vivian Wanamaker on Wednesday.

Lady Laycock deeply regrets that she was unavoidably prevented from attending the memorial service for Mrs Vivian Wanamaker on Wednesday.

A memorial meeting for Sir Martin Davies will be held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, April 15, at the National Gallery. Cards of admission are obtainable from the gallery.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. A. C. Banks and Miss S. C. Coles
The engagement is announced between Jamie, elder son of Major and Mrs Alastair Banks, of Springs, Pitch Place, Thursley, Surrey, and Sally, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. H. Coles, of Thurlaston, Rugby.

Mr M. T. E. Beckett and Miss A. G. Davies
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs Thomas A. Beckett, of London, and Anita, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs William G. Davies, of St Albans.

Mr I. B. Fagelson and Miss A. J. Zinkin
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Morris Fagelson, of 363 Woodgrange Drive, Thorpe Bay, Essex, and Amanda Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Zinkin, of 4 Parkfield Road South, Manchester.

Mr P. Hollis and Miss M. Ryan
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of David and Barbara Hollis, and Marianne, daughter of John and Priscilla Ryan.

Mr J. B. Josephs and Miss S. Branfoot
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of the Rev J. W. and Mrs Josephs, of Stoneygate, Leicester, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. A. R. Branfoot, of Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire.

Mr S. H. Gibson and Miss J. E. Moynihan
The engagement is announced between Séan Hugh, only son of Major and Mrs Hugh Gibson, of Broadway, Somerset, and Jane Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Michael Moynihan, of Barnes, London.

Captain A. J. Walsh and Miss J. H. Lockyer
The engagement is announced between Captain Adrian Walsh, The King's Regiment, son of Mr and Mrs J. J. Walsh, of Hillingdon, Middlesex, and Judith, daughter of Mr I. Lockyer, OBE, and Mrs B. M. Lockyer, of Halzephron House, Gunwalloe, Cornwall.

Marriages

Mr R. D. C. Henderson and Miss O. A. Andersson
The marriage took place on Saturday in Johannesburg of Mr David Henderson, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Henderson, and Miss Odette Andersson, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Lloyd Andersson. Mr Jamie Henderson was best man.

Mr A. S. Lukas and Miss S. R. F. Falkner
The marriage took place yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, of Mr Andrew Lukas, The Blues and Royals, second son of Mr and Mrs S. Lukas, of Stroquhan, Dunscore, Dumfriesshire, and Miss Sarah Falkner, daughter of Major and Mrs P. W. R. F. Falkner, of High House, Kenton, Devon. The Rev Sir Patrick Ferguson-Davie, officiated, and the Rev R. T. J. K. Wood, CF, and Father Edward Corbould, OSB, also took part in the service.
The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Benjamin McDowell, Mark Rayner, Clare Lukas, the Hon Eleanora Courtenay, Emma Collingwood and Pippa Hancock. Captain Gordon Birdwood, The Blues and Royals, was best man. A guard of honour was formed by warrant officers and senior non-commissioned officers of the bridegroom's regiment.
A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Association of Royal Navy Officers

The annual general meeting of the Association of Royal Navy Officers will be held in the United Service and Royal Aero Club, Pall Mall, at 5.30 pm, on Thursday, May 15, 1975, and will be followed by a reception for members, their wives and guests.

Today's engagements

The Queen attends a service of Thanksgiving, Norwich Cathedral, 11.25; later visits Queen Elizabeth Close, Norwich, 3.15.
Exhibition of drawings by Michelangelo, British Museum, 10-5.
Exhibition: Piecing Together the Past, showing how archaeologists reconstruct the past, Livesy Museum, 682 Old Kent Road, 10-5.
Poets in Person: David Chaloner and Stuart Montgomery, The Poetry Society, 21 Earls Court Square, 7.30.
The Queen's Life Guard mounting ceremony, Horse Guards, Whitehall, 11.

Lister medal

The Lister Medal for 1975 has been awarded to Professor John Charnley, orthopaedic Surgery at the Centre for Hip Surgery, Wrightington Hospital, Wigan, and Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Manchester University, for his contributions to the development of total joint replacement. The award is made by the Royal Society, the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and the universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow.

The Queen's birthday

A royal salute of 62 guns will be fired from the Tower saluting base at 1 pm on April 21 by 3 Squadron Honourable Artillery Company to mark the Queen's birthday.

Deaconess Elsie Baker in St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, yesterday, after meeting the press there.

Deaconess seeks ordination

By a Staff Reporter

An attempt by a small English parish to obtain ordination to the priesthood of a woman on the parish staff is only " the tip of an iceberg " of feeling on the subject, the Bishop of Woolwich, the Right Rev David Sheppard, said yesterday.

In a statement issued after he had received a petition from the parishioners, he said many church people had voted that there was no theological objection to the ordination of women but had argued that such a change was not timely because to ordain women now would be divisive.

" But not ordaining women is already dividing the church ", he said. " I am aware of many Christians, men and women—and I count myself among them—who are deeply hurt because women whom they believe to have priestly gifts are shut out from many parts of the church's ministry."

He hoped the General Synod, which is to vote on the issue in July, would seek to do what was true and right rather than expedient.

The petition, which he had received on behalf of the Bishop of Southwark, who is on leave, was from the Church of the Ascension, Blackheath, London.

At their annual meeting last Sunday, parishioners agreed by 41 votes to three to seek ordination to the priesthood for Deaconess Elsie Baker, who has been licensed to the parish since 1968 and is in the thirty-third year of her diaconate.

She conducts services, including baptism and burial, and assists at Holy Communion. She can do anything on the pastoral side of the work. But she cannot preside at Communion, or formally pronounce consecration; and because she is not recognized as a priest by the civil law, she cannot conduct a marriage ceremony.

The vicar of the parish is the Rev Paul Oestreicher, British director of Amnesty International, who said yesterday that in every practical sense he was Deaconess Baker's pastoral assistant rather than she his.

Miss Baker said that she was a feminist in the sense that she felt women priests could bring into the church the femininity it had lacked over the centuries. She had felt a calling to the priesthood for about 20 years, but was not one to go around parading with placards on the issue. Just by doing things in the church, women were breaking down the prejudice against them.

There were 93 deaconesses in full-time employment, she said, and 83 of them had signified a wish to be ordained.

Memorial services

Mr W. Andrews
Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, president, Royal Automobile Club, was represented by Mr George Ritchie at a service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of Mr Wilfrid Andrews held at St James's, Piccadilly yesterday. The lesson was read by Marquess Camden, and an address was given by Lord Nugent of Guildford, vice-president, RAC. The Rev William Baddeley officiated. Among those present were:
Mr and Mrs Roydon Andrews (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs K. J. Large (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs Nigel Large and Mr and Mrs P. Smallwood (grandchildren).
The Duke of Richmond and Gordon (vice-president, RAC) with Mr Andrew G. Polson (chairman) and Mrs Polson, Squadron Leader John Crampton and Mr Harold Nockolds (vice-chairmen) and Mr N. Mills Baldwin (secretary-general and chairman, Speedway Control Board) and Mrs Baldwin; the Earl of Halsbury, Lord Black, Lord Kings Norton, the Hon Sir Clive Bossom, the Hon Gerald Lascelles, Sir Guy Bracewell Smith, Sir Patrick Hennessy (Ford Motor Company), Captain Sir Henry Studdy, Sir Stanley Rous (Football Association), Mr E. N. Adlington, Mr M. A. W. de Bertodano, Mr Leonard F. Dyer, Mr and Mrs G. W. Flewitt, Mr R. Gordon, Captain (E) W. Gregson, Mr J. H. Kemsley, Wing Commander R. A. B. Learoyd, Mr Douglas Richards, Mr Maurice A. Smith, Major H. F. Stanley, Mr Alec C. Durie (director-general, Automobile Association, and president, Alliance Internationale de Tourisme).
Mr Denis Hill-Wood and Mr Anthony Wood (Arsenal Football Club), M Jean Richard-Deshais (president, Automobile Club de France, representing the president, International Automobile Federation (FIA)), M J. J. Freville (secretary general, FIA), Mr C. A. S. Page (Australian Automobile Association) and Mrs Page, Mr Lim (AA, Malaysia) and Mrs Lim, Mr J. A. Williams (chairman, Roads Campaign Council) and Mr W. Linn and Major Tennant-Reid (Scottish Automobile Club).

Mrs V. Wanamaker
A memorial service for Mrs V. Wanamaker was held on Wednesday, April 9, in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street. The service was conducted by the Rev John Gaskell and an appreciation was given by Lord Glendevon, which included readings from the works of Paul Gallico and Cecil Roberts. Among those present were:
Mr and Mrs Dixon Boardman (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs Vivian Foley (daughter), Mr Stuart Scheftel (brother), Mr Reginald Boardman.
The Marquess of Linlithgow, the Earl of Airlie, the Countess of Birkenhead, the Countess of Sefton, Viscount Camrose, Lady Glendevon, Lord Grantley, the Hon Lady Lindsay of Dowhill, the Hon Lady Ford, the Hon Christopher Warrender, Sir Henry and Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Sir Rudolph de Trafford, Lady Reed, Mr and the Hon Mrs Christopher Bridge, Colonel and Mrs Kenneth Wagg, Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Laycock, Mr Anthony Havelock-Allan, Mrs Peter Cazalet, the Marchesa de Casa Maury, Commander James Drummond.
Mr and Mrs Murrough O'Brien, Mr and Mrs John Profumo, Miss Margaret Shepherd, Mr Denis van Thal, Mrs Toby Waddington, Mrs William Stirling, Mrs John Stirling, Mrs D. Davis, Mr Andrew Powles (Rowe and Maw), Mrs Laycock Clegg, Mrs J. Madden, Mrs John McClean, Colonel and Mrs John Ward, Mr and Mrs M. Prodan, Mrs Simon Hornby, Mr John H. Thursby, Mrs Rupert Bellville, Mr Robert Sweeney, Mrs Guy Beauchamp, Mrs John Nutting and Mr R. Heber Percy.

Latest wills

Howard Somervell's £45,000 estate

Dr Theodore Howard Somervell, of Ambleside, medical missionary and Everest climber, who reached 28,000ft in the 1924 expedition when George Mallory and Andrew Irvine were lost, left £45,144 net (no duty shown).
Mrs Grace Hendry Parker, of Sandringham, left £279,963 net (duty paid £1,313). She left £25,000 to an institution for research into cancer.
Miss Mabel Hassall, of Swanley, left £66,376 net (no duty shown). After a bequest of £950, she left the residue to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.
Other estates include (net before duty paid, further duty may be payable on some estates):
Glover, Mrs Elsie of Birkenhead (duty paid, £49,656) £124,945

Birthdays today

Colonel J. P. Carne, VC, 69; Sir Ferguson Crawford, 81; Mr Seton Gordon, 89; Mr Laurence Irving, 78; Sir Alan Lascelles, 88; Sir Robert Maclean, 67; Mr John Nash, 82.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr J. G. Jones to be a circuit judge on the Midland and Oxford circuit.
Mr R. E. Tritton has become High Sheriff of Essex.
Mr J. Anstey, a vice-chairman of the National Savings Committee for England and Wales, to be chairman and president of the committee in succession to Sir Robert Bellinger.
Mr C. Jeavons to be deputy curator of the National Film Archive.
The following to be members of an advisory group to assist with the Department of the Environment's comprehensive review of housing finance:
Mr J. R. Coward, director, Notting Hill Housing Trust; Professor J. B. Cullingworth, director, Planning Exchange, Glasgow; Mr K. Gould, chairman, Leeds housing committee; Mr M. Hartoe, Centre for Environmental Studies; Mrs P. L. Hollis, chairman, Norwich housing committee; Mr F. Layfield, QC, chairman, Committee of Inquiry into Local Government Finance; Mr J. A. D. Mills, chairman, Camden housing committee; Miss A. A. Nevitt, reader in social administration, London School of Economics; Mr J. R. L. Potter, chairman, Halifax Building Society; Mr D. J. Seligman, chairman of Cardiff planning and development committee; Mr H. G. Simpson, controller of housing GLC; Mr P. Trench, chairman, Y. J. Lovell (Holdings) Ltd; Mr R. K. Wilkinson, senior lecturer, economic studies, Sheffield University.

Service dinner

Royal Regiment of Artillery
Officers of the Royal Regiment of Artillery held their spring dinner at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich, last night. The Master Gunner, Field Marshal Sir Geoffrey Baker, presided. The guests were:
Sir Douglas Crawford, General Sir Roland Gibbs, Sir George Leitch, Lieutenant-General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, Air Commodore W. T. Brooks, Major-General A. J. Archer, Major-General G. H. Mills, Archdeacon P. Mallett, Mr F. H. East, and Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. Ferrary.

Church news

The Rev P. E. Bush, Vicar of Ingham with Cammeringham and Fillingham, diocese of Lincoln, to be priest in charge of St Michael's and All Angels', Hubberholme, diocese of Bradford.
The Rev P. N. Challenger, Vicar of St Barnabas's, Derby, has been appointed chaplain to St Paul's Anglican Church, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
Canon R. J. Crookes, Vicar of St Peter's, Cleethorpes, diocese of Lincoln, to be Rector of Binbrook and Swinhope with Thorganby, same diocese.
The Rev G. H. J. Dunning, Vicar of St Peter's, Bishop Auckland, diocese of Durham, to be Vicar of Clay Cross, diocese of Derby.
The Rev T. H. Jones, curate at Cockett, Swansea, to be Vicar of Ystradfellte, diocese of Swansea and Brecon.
Canon R. W. Turnbull, residentiary canon of Wakefield Cathedral, to be Vicar of Warmfield, same diocese.

Oxford class lists

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Science report

Space: Interstellar communication

If the ideas of two American astronomers are well founded it is possible that within five years observers on Earth may detect signals from any one of 34 alien civilizations. Working from the proposition that all intelligent civilizations use similar logic in their reasoning, the Americans have suggested that the orbital motions of binary stars provide a unique indication of the times that messages will be transmitted from a particular point in the universe.

Dr Gordon Pace of Portland, Oregon, and Dr James Walker, of the Arecibo Observatory, in Puerto Rico, suggest that interstellar communication can be approached cheaply and effectively by using radio telescopes such as those at Arecibo, Jodrell Bank and Westerbork, in the Netherlands.

The difficulties of communication are not technological but arise from the vastness of the universe. To pick up a signal a radio receiver must point precisely to the source of transmission at the exact time the signal arrives. It must also be tuned to the correct radio frequency. Random searches for incoming signals would thus meet with little success.

Dr Pace and Dr Walker have suggested a way in which future searches can be made more rigorous and methodical.

Astronomers know that interstellar messages will probably be transmitted at a few preferred frequencies. In 1959 reference was made to the significance of the frequency spontaneously generated by hydrogen. The equivalent frequency in the radio spectrum falls in the middle of a wave band remarkably free of interference. Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe, a fact likely to be noted by an intelligent civilization. It is reasoned that the frequency of hydrogen has such universal significance that it can be presumed that attempts at communication would be broadcast at that, or an adjacent frequency.

Dr Pace and Dr Walker point to an unusual stellar pattern which, they suggest, is so striking that it probably has a universal significance as well. As binary stars orbit each other they reach a stage at which they are closest to each other, called periastron. The stage where they are farthest from each other is apastron.

Dr Pace and Dr Walker believe a civilization within a binary system will have realized the significance of those occurrences, since there are no other natural time markers relating to the orbits of the binary pairs. They will therefore broadcast messages only during periastron or apastron.

Signals transmitted at that time would reach observers in the universe at the same time as the light waves informing them that one of the critical alignments had been reached.

By using a catalogue of visual binary orbits, Dr Pace and Dr Walker have found that within a distance of 300 light years, well within our range of effective communication, there are 34 binary systems that should reach periastron or apastron between now and 1980.

Those systems may not support an intelligent civilization, but it would require little effort to listen with existing radio telescopes at the right times.

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Chaplin revivals

Mr Charles Chaplin has given permission for some of his more recent films, including *City Lights*, to be revived. At one time it was the fashion to revive such early Chaplin films as *The Gold Rush* and *The Champion* just when it was becoming difficult to remember the precise antics and gestures of " the little fellow ", but so far there has been little or no opportunity of seeing again the four films he produced after the introduction of sound in the cinema—*City Lights*, *Modern Times*, *The Great Dictator*, and *Monsieur Verdoux*.

City Lights, which is to be the first of the more recent films to be revived, was shown in London in 1931 . . . *The Great Dictator*, which he finished making in 1939, the year of his fiftieth birthday, provided him with his first speaking part.

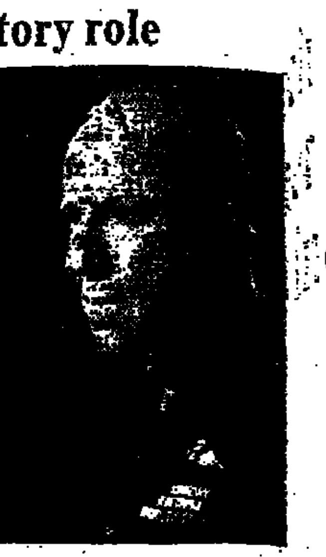
Middle Temple

Mr Elliot Richardson, the American Ambassador, and Sir Thaddeus McCarthy, President of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand, have been elected honorary benchers of the Middle Temple.

OBITUARY

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR DONALD EVANS

An innovatory role



Air Chief Marshal Sir Donald Randell Evans, who was an innovator in night fighter tactics in the Second World War, has died aged 63. He was Commandant of the Imperial Defence College from 1968 until his retirement from the Royal Air Force in 1970.

He was born at Richmond, Surrey, and educated at the RAF College, Cranwell, which he entered in 1930. His career after leaving Cranwell in 1932 included service with No 45 Squadron in the Middle East and he joined Fighter Command where he was an HQ signals officer at the outbreak of war. It was in 1941 that he was given command of a special unit engaged on the development of night fighter interception. While flying with this unit he personally shot down two enemy aircraft and was awarded the DFC in 1942.

He afterwards went to HQ No 11 Group Fighter Command as Group Captain in charge of night operations until he joined the Signals Special Planning Section at Mediterranean Air Command in 1943. There he was involved with the air signals planning for the Allied invasion of Sicily, duties he repeated when he returned to Britain to join the Allied Expeditionary Air Force for the Normandy landings.

After the war he graduated at the RAF Staff College, commanded the Telecommunications Flying Unit at Defford from 1946 to 1948 and was Group Captain in charge of plans at Fighter Command HQ. He took the 1956 course at the Imperial Defence College and was Senior Staff Officer at Fighter Command from 1957 to 1958. He was Commandant of the School of Land/Air Warfare from 1959 to 1961 wh[illegible] as an Air Vice-Marshal, he came Assistant Chief Defence Staff at the Ministry [illegible] Defence.

An important step was [illegible] appointment as Chairman of [illegible] Chiefs of Staff working pa[illegible] in the reorganization of [illegible] Ministry of Defence in 19[illegible] With an already establish[illegible] reputation as a progress[illegible] mind on joint planning [illegible] worked closely with the th[illegible] Chief of Defence Staff, L[illegible] Mountbatten, to try to ens[illegible] that unification became a r[illegible] integration of the policy mak[illegible] functions of the three servic[illegible] a step resisted at that time [illegible] some, less flexible sen[illegible] officers.

From 1964 to 1966 he was [illegible] Officer Commanding, Techni[illegible] Training Command and fr[illegible] 1966 to 1967 was Air Secreta[illegible] at the Ministry of Defen[illegible] After his retirement he was consultant on military aviati[illegible] matters to Ferranti, Edinburg[illegible] He was made a CBE, 1944; C[illegible] 1955; and a KBE, 1964.

BRIGADIER R. J. F. TOD

Brigadier G. M. O. Davy writes:
Ronnie Tod was a splendid soldier. He looked upon fighting as a tiresome necessity for restoring the peace which bungling statesmen had lost. His courage was selfless and his humanity supreme. I witnessed both.

I first met him when, as a visiting staff officer, I was taken by his divisional commander to visit his No 9 Commando at Anzio after its successful raid against the surrounding Germans. He greeted us with a grin and with his bandaged arm in a sling; a bullet had gone through it and he had refused to be evacuated. He was most concerned about the state of his sergeant-major, who had been more severely wounded.

A few months later he came under my command, when his unit returned to the 2nd Commando Brigade, which was part of my force in Land Forces Adriatic. I then selected his commando for a special assignment, which was going to Kythera Island in preparation for a move round the Peloponese, in order to prepare the way for the arrival of the British corps which was to replace the Germans in Greece when these should evacuate.

Here Ronnie was at once confronted by the two conflicting factions in Greece—the communist ELAS Andartes and the anti-communist security units raised under German authority in order to prevent murders by the communists. On his own initiative Ronnie and his officers, in small detachmen[illegible] umpired numerous confront[illegible] tions and saved thousands [illegible] Greek lives, actions for whi[illegible] I have received many expre[illegible] sions of gratitude on his beha[illegible]

His final act in the savi[illegible] of Greece was when he was to[illegible] to take his commando (som[illegible] what depleted by the detac[illegible] ments scattered over the Pelo[illegible] ponese) round to capture tw[illegible] islands off the Piraeus, so [illegible] to ensure the safety of Briti[illegible] minesweepers coming to cle[illegible] the way for the arrival [illegible] General Scobie's corps.

The Germans quitted th[illegible] islands. Higher authority i[illegible] Italy had forbidden me to l[illegible] British troops enter Athens, b[illegible] somehow these instructions di[illegible] not reach Ronnie. Nor did the reach George Jellicoe; n[illegible] would they have had muc[illegible] effect on these two outstandin[illegible] individualists if they had. The[illegible] met in Athens, arriving from opposite sides within a fe[illegible] hours of each other.

George went north to th[illegible] Yugoslav frontier. Ronnie secured the airfield near Athens for the landing of Scobie's forces, and other important points in Athens; he was given the freedom of the city by Archbishop Damaskienos, and he was one of the tw[illegible] British officers who kept Greece on the free side of the Iron Curtain.

This operation was in the nature of a domestic fire extinguisher—a mere palliative awaiting the arrival of the fire brigade. Ronnie's action was paramount.

MR A. K. LAWRENCE

Mr Humphrey Brooke writes:
A few points may be added to the admirable obituary contributed by Sir Thomas Monnington and Mr Sidney Hutchison (April 9).

" A. K." was an apparently inexhaustible correspondent and the letters of exhortation and advice—typed but with many *manuscript amendations* — received from my earliest days as the Academy's Secretary Elect in 1951 piled up into a stack too deep for normal filing. These evidenced a profound regard for the institution and the minutiae of its historic laws and customs. To a novice in even the principles of George III's Instrument of Foundation they were a great source of encouragement.

A feature of " A.K.'s " painting that was not perhaps widely appreciated, his innumerable variations on the female nude, was one to which he attached considerable importance. These were close in spirit both to his ambitions and a vein of personal poetry in his complex make-up. That they were so entirely at variance with aesthetic judgments mattered little to this independent man. Creative art to him meant the striving after his own ideal of beauty.

PROF BERNARD GROOM

S. S. writes:
Professor Bernard Groom who died last month at the age of 82 was born in London on September 20, 1892. He was educated at Stationers' Company's School, University College London and Magdalen College Oxford. He devoted most of his life to the teaching of the English language and literature both at school and university level; and to creative writing both in prose and verse.

At school his crowning achievement was as Head of the English Department at Clifton, where as an inspiring teacher, he left his imprint on generations of pupils, who were later to band together to mark his eightieth birthday by founding at Clifton, in his honour, the Bernard Groom Prize for English Literature. Indeed one of his former pupils, himself now an academic of international repute, remarked that for him when at school: " Bernard Groom *was* Clifton ".

At university level Bernard Groom, under the auspices of the British Council, was Professor of English at Montevideo University, Uruguay, and Associate Professor and later Professor at McMaster University, Canada.

His affection for the Americas was manifest in a book of poems, *Poems of Two Continents*, which he published jointly with his sister, Ida Sutherland Groom. He had previously published a volume of poems (Elkin Mathews 1924) and a *History of English Literature* (Longmans, Green 1929).

A poet of fine sensibility in the great tradition of English letters, Bernard Groom felt himself out of sympathy with the more trendy, obscurantist modern style. At the time of his death he was engaged in a work on Dickens's prose.

MRS R. HACKFORTH

Professor W. K. C. Guthrie writes:
I was delighted to read in your issue of April 8 a fitting tribute to Mrs Lys Hackforth's tremendous contribution to the musical life of Cambridge. The Thursday Concerts are a continuing joy that is perhaps her best memorial. May I, however, add a little in the interests of accuracy and the memory of my friend and predecessor, Reginald (not Ronald) Hackforth? They were a devoted couple, and I think she would have liked it. He was in fact Laurence Professor of Ancient Philosophy and a Fellow of Sidney Sussex College. Also Cambridge does not award honorary BAs, and the degree for which I had the pleasure of presenting his wife was an MA. She was tickled at my latinization of her first name as Lilium, and thenceforward always used it in our correspondence.

Mrs Catherine Motee Sladen, widow of Commissioner Hugh Sladen and a granddaughter of General William Booth founder of the Salvation Army, died on April 6.

Cardinal Jäger, former Archbishop of Paderborn, well known for his support for the ecumenical movement, has died.
He was born at Halle in 1892 and ordained in 1922. During the Second World War he established contact with the Protestant church and actively encouraged the dialogue between the churches ever since.
To improve understanding between the churches he founded in 1957 in Paderborn the Adam-Möhler Institute to carry out research on Christian denominations other than the Roman Catholic.

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BUSINESS NEWS

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March output figures give further evidence of steel industry recession

By Edward Townsend

Firm evidence that Britain's steel industry is now in the grip of a recession has been provided by the industry's March production figures, issued yesterday, which reveal a further decline in output to a weekly average of 494,000 tonnes.

First-quarter weekly average output, at 482,500 tonnes, was well above the same period of 1974, when the industry was hit by the effects of the miners' strike and the three-day week, but more significantly was almost 10 per cent below the average 531,500 tonnes a week produced in the first three months of 1973.

The latest figures, compiled by the private sector steelmakers and the British Steel Corporation, reflect a widespread weakening in demand from manufacturing industry on the domestic and export fronts.

A general cutback in orders was felt initially in the BSC's strip mills division during February, but the decline has now spread across most steel products.

The industry said yesterday that reductions in capital expenditure in the general engineering and construction industries had led to a marked fall in March in demand for plates, sections and other heavy steel products.

Steel output is one of the key indicators of the level of activity in manufacturing industry, and the slump in demand is now revealing the sharp downturn in the motor industry and the construction trades and companies' high levels of steel stocks.

It is also being reflected in the marked dip in scrap prices which has made the collection of some grades of scrap hardly viable.

Although recovery of the steel market is not expected before next spring at the earliest, it seems likely that following last year's big decline in steel output of over four million tonnes on the 1973 total of 26.6 million tonnes, production during 1975 will remain at about its present level.

The BSC, facing the prospect of big losses this year, has embarked on a major cost-cutting exercise which includes a redundancy programme that could affect 10 per cent of its 220,000 labour force by the summer.

In an attempt to counter the slackening in demand, the BSC has launched what was described in *Steel News*, its fortnightly journal, yesterday as "a massive new export drive."

Among the hardest hit at present are the corporation's strip mills division and the special steel division's carbon steels and alloy and stainless works groups. Strip mills report that demand for home and overseas markets is exceptionally low.

The electro-zinc coating line at Port Talbot has had to be closed and many other steel works throughout the country are feeling the effects of reduced orders.

Steel News says, however, that there are exceptions.

Orders for railway materials and other products made at Rotherham remain firm, while commercial products mills at Corby are still trying to catch up on production lost as a result of blast-furnace problems last year.

Demand for heavy forgings and castings is also good and the engineering section of the BSC's forges, foundries and engineering group has orders for several years ahead.

BSC chief's warning of 'inevitable lay-offs'

By Ronald Faux

Sir Monty Finniston, chairman of the British Steel Corporation, gave a warning yesterday of inevitable redundancies in the steel industry because of the state of the economy.

Speaking at a news conference at Methil, Fife, he said: "We are in a difficult recession which is not confined to the steel industry. Quite doubtedly this has an effect the manpower we have to ploy in getting steel out hich is not wanted.

"I think, inevitably, some ople will have to be laid off. e are trying to keep this to absolute minimum. And we using a variety of techiques to avoid losing manower. The corporation is in middle of consultations with unions about this", he said. The British steel order book s as bad, he said, as that of French and Germans, but was confident there were a mber of ways Britain could leploy steelworkers which were not open to their competitors. The corporation was trying to find all the alternative work possible and he suggested that worksharing might be a way of keeping redundancies to a minimum.

More optimistically, Sir Monty said that British steel stocks were being built up in expectation of the next upsurge in the economy, and he denied that Scotland was being discriminated against in the workloads available to the corporation.

The news conference was held at the Methil Yard of Redpath Dorman Long (North Sea), a subsidiary of BSC, where future job prospects seemed altogether brighter. The yard is building a 495ft steel jacket for Shell-Esso Brentfield costing £15m which is on target for launching this summer.

Mr Peter Gallagher, chairman of RDL (North Sea), announced that two smaller jackets for the Amoco/Gas Council Indefatigable field in the southern sector of the North Sea had been ordered from the yard.

9.5 p c fall in building activity

By Malcolm Brown

Building activity in the United Kingdom during February was 9.5 per cent down on the level reached in February 1974, the National Federation of Builders' and Plumbers' Merchants said yesterday. For the 12 months to February 28, this year, activity was down about 16.6 per cent on the previous 12 months. The figures are based on merchants' deliveries of materials.

All regions recorded decreases during February compared with February 1974, the highest single fall being in the Midlands which recorded a 14.1 per cent drop.

Mr Peter Buchanan, president of the NFBPM, said: "It is encouraging to see that the decline in the national level of activity is less than for preceding months. This can probably be attributed to the improvement in local authority housebuilding and to the slight upturn in the private housing sector."

Move to end impasse on energy talks agenda

From Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent
Paris, April 10

Representatives of 10 nations called to fix an agenda for a world energy conference will reach their most decisive point tomorrow.

After four days of talks the two sides are still deadlocked on the question, but early tomorrow a special working group will make yet another effort to reach a compromise.

Early today the working party of the EEC, Iran and Zaire began a series of long meetings, but by the end of the afternoon it had failed to discover any common ground for combining the two rival agendas for the conference into a single document.

Then in the evening the working party was suddenly expanded. It held an unscheduled night meeting that lasted for nearly two and a half hours.

Mr Eamonn Gallagher, leader of the EEC delegation, said afterwards that he was still hoping to make progress, but added: "There is still no sign of it."

The industrialized nations, through the EEC, claimed to have made a number of concessions in the wording of their draft agenda to meet the insistence of the oil producers and the Third World countries that the problems of all raw materials, and not just oil, must be discussed at the conference.

By revising the layout of their agenda the EEC said it allowed the possibility of greater discussion of the raw material question. However, the EEC, with the full support of Japan and the United States, insisted that the main purpose of the conference must be to discuss energy.

During these talks Iran and Zaire were not prepared to alter their draft agenda, which sees the energy problem as just one part of the broader issue of world trade in raw materials.

Lack of progress in the talks is worrying the French organizers of the conference. Before the night session of the expanded working party began, a French Foreign Office official said the three groups were no nearer to fixing an agenda than they had been two days ago.

There is talk of the conference running into the weekend. Pessimists are saying that unless the impasse can be ended within the next 24 hours, the conference might have to break up without reaching an agreement.

All hopes are pinned on the larger working party which now includes Algeria and Saudi Arabia.

Pound slumps to lowest level for 3 months amid referendum fears

By Melvyn Westlake

Sterling slumped to its weakest level for nearly three months on the foreign exchanges yesterday in the wake of a sharp recovery in the dollar.

Amid mounting fears about the outcome of the EEC referendum, and the threat to the political cohesion of the Government, the pound dropped almost 1¼ cents against the dollar at one stage.

However, it recovered slightly to end the day at $2.3625—the lowest level since mid-January—with a net loss of nearly 1½ cents. As recently as last month it stood at $2.4350.

The pound's "effective depreciation" rate against 10 key currencies (compared with three years ago) worsened to 21.9 per cent from 21.8 per cent on Wednesday and 21.2 per cent just last Friday. Although sterling's decline against the dollar was shared by most European currencies, it suffered more acurely than most.

The main factor behind the dollar's sudden improvement, after weakening progressively throughout much of the early part of this year, is the growing belief that interest rates in the United States have now "bottomed out" and are likely to turn upwards as President Ford's Administration attempts to finance the huge prospective budgetary deficit.

With interest rates still appearing to soften in London, sterling yields have started to look a good deal less attractive than dollar yields.

The six-month Eurodollar rate has risen from 7¼ to 8⅛ per cent since just before Easter. This must now raise the possibility that interest rates in London may have to rise again, even though bank lending is still sluggish and capital investment is likely to fall sharply this year.

For, if the favourable differentials between British and American rates is reduced any further, sterling will certainly come under increasing pressure. The predicted upturn in American rates would occur while the downtrend elsewhere is still far from complete.

Yesterday, France cut its bank rate to 10 per cent from 11 per cent, and in Tokyo Mr Teiichiro Morinaga, governor of the Bank of Japan, said that conditions were ripening for a reduction in the official Japanese discount rate, which is presently at 9 per cent. Interest rates have remained firm in Japan for many months as a tough monetary policy has been followed.

But apart from the dollar's new found strength, sterling is also being undermined by worries about the affect on Britain's March trade figues (published on Monday) of the dock strike, and uncertainties about the Budget, as well as increasing concern about wage inflation and the high level of public sector pay settlements, now running at about 30 per cent.

In the view of many currency operators this will certainly lead to a further sharp depreciation in the external value of the pound.

Barclays in 'join us' call to rivals' customers

By Christopher Wilkins

Competition between the clearing banks to attract new accounts from rival banks is showing signs of intensifying. Barclays Bank yesterday revealed it has approached almost a million customers of other banks in a campaign to persuade them to bank at Barclays.

Barclays' move is a further sign of the more imaginative and aggressive attitude which the banks have been adopting recently towards attracting personal business. It follows a general expansion of the range of financial services which they offer to private individuals.

One aspect of the increased competitiveness has been the cutting of current account charges, with the Midland and Williams & Glyn's still offering lower terms than the other clearers.

Barclays has now gone a step further by sending letters to all users of its Barclaycard service who do not already hold accounts at Barclays. It has been able to identify them from the cheques they use to settle accounts. Such customers amount to about a third of the 2.8 million Barclaycard holders.

The letter signed by Mr John Wilson, manager of Barclays' head office branch, places emphasis on the range of Barclays' services. Mr Wilson writes: "If your only contacts with the bank are to cash your cheques or to enquire about the health of your account, I believe you are missing a lot.

"Here at Barclays we have a simple philosophy. Banking only begins with taking care of the customers' money. It is the service that follows which pays special dividends to Barclays' customers."

Reorganization of US estate trust loans

From Frank Vogl
Washington, April 10

American banks are swiftly renegotiating credit agreements to real estate investment trusts (Reits) as an increasing number of the trusts become critically illiquid and unable to pay interest on current loans.

A new pattern is emerging, where new credit lines are being given to the Reits—largely for the trusts to use in repayment of earlier loans—at much higher interest rate levels than were made in earlier agreements.

The Atico Mortgage Investors Trust announced an agreement which may well become typical of the vast number of loan agreements under negotiation. Atico said it had agreed on a $82.3m (about £34m) revolving credit to March 31, 1976, with a consortium of 23 banks, which will be largely used in the first instance to repay $72.9m of bank debt currently outstanding.

The agreement is at 130 per cent of prime rate, whereas in the past loans of this nature were at the prime rate. In addition, Atico announced it had renegotiated a $25m loan with the First National Bank of Chicago and the Chase Manhattan Bank, raising the rate to 130 per cent of prime from 120 per cent and shortening the life of the loan by 12 months.

Meanwhile, a more complicated agreement has been reached by one of the largest Reits, the First Mortgage Investment Trust, which in February of this year had stated assets of more than $2,000m. The company said it had reached a preliminary understanding with a consortium of 100 banks on reorganizing a $400m credit line and another understanding with 15 institutions on refinancing $50m of subordinated notes.

The banks are to receive $25m of 4 per cent, non-voting preferred shares, in payment of the interest due to them on loans for the four months to the end of January of this year. Terms have been worked out of gradually reducing in coming years the interest payable on the $400m from 130 per cent of prime today, but the terms effectively leave the company with just management fees as earnings with all other income going to the banks.

Institutional note holders are to receive $5m in cash from First Mortgage and have the outstanding $45m of notes converted into non-dividend, non-voting, preferred shares. The 4 per cent notes given to the banks will be convertible into non-dividend shares in two years.

The growing problems of the Reits and their bankers are being investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, according to informed sources. The investigations are centred on possible fraud by trust managers, the issue of false Reit financial statements to shareholders and bankers and improper use of trust funds.

Engineering unions see pay snag

By R. [illegible] Shakespeare

Union leaders may reject a new national pay deal that would bring increases of £10 a week in basic rates for more than two million engineering workers. This is not because they are dissatisfied with the cash being offered but because they are worried about how soon they would be able to launch their next big wage claim.

Negotiators for the 19 engineering unions obtained a mandate from an executive meeting of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions in York yesterday to refuse to ratify the new pay agreement when they meet the Engineering Employers Federation next week unless the employers' representatives agree to amend a clause which at present rules out any fresh pay claim before the end of May next year.

The proposed pay agreement would increase the basic skilled rate for engineering workers in 5,000 companies from £32 to £42 a week in three stages—with two rises of £4 and one of £2—starting next month.

These terms were agreed with the EEF last month by the confederation's negotiating team led by Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

However, since then the EEF has published a document setting out details of the proposed agreement. It contains a specific clause stating that no fresh claim can be submitted before the end of May 1976.

Mr Jack Service, general secretary of the confederation, said yesterday: "This was not discussed during our negotiations with the employers and unless this clause is amended we now have authority to reject the terms as they now stand.

GLC's £75m loan issue is a failure

Greater London Council's effort to interest the public in subscribing for £75m of loan stock, the largest amount ever raised on the stock market by a local authority in a single issue, has proved a dismal failure.

Only 13 per cent—some £10m—of the 12¼ per cent seven year issue has been applied for by the public and the remainder has been left to the underwriting institutions.

The issue was unhappily timed in that ever since the terms were announced on Monday the gilt-edged market has deteriorated, making the terms look relatively much less attractive. So far this week government medium-dated issues have fallen by a point or more.

All applications for stock from the public have been allotted in full and dealings begin this morning.

Guardian Royal issue: Guardian Royal Exchange's £32.7m rights issue met a good response from shareholders with more than 92 per cent of the shares on offer being taken up.

New method of analysing economy

An important new development for the presentation of economic data in Britain is introduced in an article in the March issue of *Economic Trends*, published today.

The article is on cyclical analysis, a concept which has been used in the United States for many years and is now also being used in Canada and Japan.

Eight economic indicators have been identified which regularly "lead" the business cycle. Five "coincident" and three "lagging" indicators have also been found.

From these statistical series have been formed four "composite" indicators, representing the leads, shorter leads, coincident and lagging indicators respectively. The composite indicators will be charted every month in *Economic Trends*.

Chairman designate of the Prudential

Mr Ronald Owen has been designated to succeed Mr Kenneth Usherwood as chairman of the Prudential Assurance Company. Mr Owen, 64, a director of the company, will take over the chairmanship after the annual meeting on May 29.

Mr Usherwood will remain a director. Mr Owen has been 20 years with the Pru and is a former deputy chairman of the British Insurance Association.

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I & S profits surge

Pre-tax profits of Marks & Spencer rose 6.5 per cent in the year to March 31, from £76.8m to £81.9m. Group sales advanced from £572m to £722m. The company has raised its full year dividend by the maximum amount allowed under current legislation, to give a full year gross equivalent of 9.66p a share, and is also proposing a one-for-one scrip issue. The shares closed 6p higher at 193p last night.

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Vauxhall deadlock

Fresh attempts by Vauxhall motors to conclude a new pay agreement with the car unions covering 24,000 production workers at its Luton, Dunstable and Ellesmere Port plants again ended in deadlock yesterday. The talks will be resumed today but the two sides appear to have made little progress towards a settlement. Vauxhall has offered quarterly pay increases, each of £1.20 over the next 12 months, plus an additional increase if the inflation rate exceeds 16 per cent at the end of the year.

Bank report a setback for Burmah

By Our Financial Staff

Burmah Oil shares fell 4p to near their all-time low level of 36p last night. Market sentiment was chiefly influenced by the bleak picture that the Chase Manhattan Bank report is believed to show of the possible losses on Burmah's tanker commitments.

A report in the *Investors Chronicle* published today says that, in the worst possible circumstances, Chase estimates that Burmah's oil tanker fleet could lose $756m (£317m) over the eight years to the end of 1982.

A spokesman for Burmah emphasized last night, however, that the Chase report was for internal planning purposes and showed the worst possible combination of circumstances. These assumed that no future employment would be found for Burmah's tankers after present charters expired.

They also assumed that no external finance would be available

Engineers near to deciding on new governing body

By Derek Harris

After nine months of argument over the future organization of the engineering profession, a final decision appears likely on a radical restructure of the Council of Engineering Institutions, the much-criticized umbrella body for the 15 top-tier chartered institutions.

If a new direct election formula now being confidentially discussed is accepted it will largely maintain the divide between chartered engineers and technician engineers. Effectively, only two votes out of 37 on a new governing council will go to technician engineers and technicians.

The new plan for CEI—which would probably be renamed the Chartered Engineering Institution—is apparently for a comparatively large governing council. It would include 15 directly elected members plus a voting nominee from each chartered institution.

An hierarchy structure would replace the present federal organization along the lines urged by the three main critics of CEI, the institutions of Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering.

Earlier discussion papers on the restructure canvassed the possibility of technician engineers having direct and substantial voting rights in a revamped CEI. That idea appears to have been dropped except that there would be voting representation for the Engineers Registration Board which has all grades

It is being suggested the ERB gets three seats, presumably one for each of its sections, two of which are for technician engineers and technicians and the other for chartered engineers.

What appears to be gaining ground is the idea of the technician engineers and technicians setting up their own separate umbrella organization, paralleling the reorganized chartered body, with representatives from each body sitting in on the other. The Electrical Engineers have been urging such parallel bodies and it would be surprising, after current internal discussions are finished, if the mechanical engineers, among others, did not support them.

Airlines cannot agree on change in group fares

Geneva, April 10.—Scheduled airlines flying the North Atlantic failed to agree today on a request by the United States Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) to increase special affinity group fares for flights between North America and the Iberian Peninsula.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) said agreement was found impossible despite detailed discussions because most of the airlines did not offer fares which would satisfy the requirements of the two carriers directly concerned—the Portuguese Airline TAP, and Iberian Airlines of Spain.

IATA said the two airlines decided to refer the question back to the CAB.

The airlines agreed on CAB requests for lowering through fares between European airports and Seattle and Miami via New York.

Mr Healey taking part in Iran conference

Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is to visit Iran from April 28 to May 4 to take part in a financial conference in Teheran sponsored by an Iranian committee and the committee on invisible exports.

Ford dividend cut for first time in 17 years

Detroit, April 10.—Ford Motor Company said its directors voted to cut the quarterly dividend to 60 cents from 80 cents. It has paid the 80 cent quarterly dividend since the third quarter of 1973.

The company last cut its dividend in the third quarter of 1958, to 20 cents from 39 cents.

The company said that during the last five years it spent nearly $2,000m (about £769m) in north America to bring new small cars to the market. It would spend more than $2,000m by the autumn of 1978 on new products.

Retained earnings available for reinvestment were reduced by the declining return on sales in recent years from 4 per cent to 1.6 per cent in 1974.

The Ford dividend cut follows a reduction by General Motors Corporation in its quarterly dividend to 60 cents a share from 85 cents.

Chrysler Corporation in February omitted its regular 35 cents quarterly dividend.

Back to work: It was normal working yesterday in the transmission plant at the £93m Ford car factory at Halewood, Liverpool, after a walk out on Wednesday by 100 maintenance engineers. This led to 1,900 hourly paid workers being laid off.

How the markets moved

FT index: 294.4+0.2
The Times index: 119.49+0.66

Rises

As Port Cement	2p to 125p	Greenall	4p to 50p
Amal Calls	15p to 390p	Hampton Gold	7p to 97p
Brit Am Tob	4p to 300p	Rowntree Mac	12p to 100p
Equity & Law	10p to 138p	Trust Hse Forte	8p to 115p
EMI	6p to 108p	Unigate	3½p to 44p
Fisons	5p to 322p	Wharf Mill	1p to 14p
GKN	2p to 212p		

Falls

Bk of Ireland	15p to 400p	Lamson Ind	8½p to 90p
Burmah Oil	4p to 36p	Leslie	5p to 145p
Fothergill & H	6p to 62p	Lane Fox	3p to 30p
Hunt Moscrop	1p to 14p	Peko Wallsend	5p to 235p
Kwik Save Disc	7p to 175p	Phoenix	6p to 178p
Lawdon	2p to 13p	Wilmot Breedon	2p to 19p
Lloyds Bk	2p to 178p	Western Areas	10p to 620p

Equities were steady in thin trade. Gilt-edged securities closed with mixed changes.

Sterling fell by 145 points to $2.3625. The "effective devaluation" rate was 21.9 per cent.

Gold declined by 50 cents to $172.50 an oz.

SDR-$ was 1.24057 while SDR-£ was 0.523491.

Commodities: Reuters' index fell by 3.4 points yesterday to 1,089.9.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.83	1.78
Austria Sch	41.25	39.25
Belgium Fr	87.25	84.50
Canada $	2.43	2.38
Denmark Kr	13.50	13.10
Finland Mkk	8.65	8.40
France Fr	10.20	9.90
Germany DM	5.75	5.55
Greece Dr	71.50	69.25
Hongkong $	11.65	11.30
Italy Lr	1560.00	1505.00
Japan Yn	720.00	690.00
Netherlands Gld	5.85	5.65
Norway Kr	12.05	11.70
Portugal Esc	59.00	57.00
S Africa Rd	1.81	1.75
Spain Pes	134.50	129.50
Sweden Kr	9.65	9.35
Switzerland Fr	6.20	6.00
US $	2.41	2.36
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.75	38.50

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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House banking chief expects $73,000m limit to US budget deficit

From Frank Vogl
Washington, April 10

Congressman Henry Reuss, chairman of the banking committee of the House of Representatives, said today that he expected the Congress to maintain a ceiling level on the budget deficit of $73,000m (about £30,420m).

He said he believed the Congress would ensure that any new spending programmes would be offset by action to reduce the cost of existing non-economic programmes.

In a speech to the National Association of Manufacturers, Mr Reuss stressed that he was confident the Treasury would be able to borrow to finance the deficit without producing capital market congestion or higher interest rates.

He blamed bankers for the present congestion in the bonds markets, and said that bankers had exaggerated the prospect of private companies being squeezed out of the markets by high Treasury borrowing later this year, thus leading companies to rush together to the market now.

The speech came just as the budget committee of the House tentatively decided to push *ahead with a resolution calling* for a budget deficit ceiling of around $67,000m.

Mr Reuss's comments and the actions by the budget committee, underline what appears to *be a new sense of awareness in* the Congress about the inflationary consequences of a huge *budget, deficit—an* awareness that to the grave concern of the Administration was not in evi*dence when the Congress voted* to reduce taxes by $24,800m two weeks ago.

Mr Reuss emphasized that the new tax cuts would stimulate the economy and could not be considered excessive, as the final $73,000m deficit was exactly in line with balance on a full employment budget basis, when full employment was calculated at 4 per cent. He added that fears that the tax cuts and rebates would not move swiftly into consumer spending were unwarranted.

The congressman added that there was every reason to believe that the tax rebates would be spent in exactly the same way as people spend regular incomes. Latest surveys showed that 92 per cent of disposable personal income went into consumption, while 8 per cent went into savings.

Mr L. William Seidman, special assistant for economic policy to the President, told the manufacturers association he largely agreed with Mr Reuss. There was no need for panic with regard to the capital mar*ket effects of the high level of* Treasury borrowing, he said.

He stressed, however, that *dangers to the market would* appear if Congress continued to pass spending legislation and *failed to make some of the* spending cuts proposed

Truck group launches 'heavies' for Europe

By Clifford Webb

Seddon Atkinson, the British truck manufacturer acquired *last June by International Har*vester of America, yesterday launched a complete new range *of heavy trucks aimed at the* fastest growing sector of the European market—articulated trucks over 28 tons.

The new "heavies" represent an investment of £3.5m in tooling and additional production facilities at the group's Oldham and Preston plants.

But Mr Geoffrey Redmond, joint managing director with his brother David, stated: "Beyond the original purchase price of £10m, International Harvester has not been called upon to provide any of the £3.5m. The backing of the world's biggest heavy truck manufacturer gave us the confidence to go ahead with plans already in the pipeline. On the other hand International has not yet received any dividend on its original investment."

Seddon Atkinson, the result of a merger four years ago, has since August increased its share of the over 28-ton market from 12.3 per cent to more than 20 per cent.

During the last three years this part of the United Kingdom truck market has grown annually by 22 per cent against an average fall of 5 per cent a year for commercial vehicles as a whole.

International Harvester also owns a third of the Dutch truck manufacturer DAF, but insists that at this stage it has no plans to increase its holding as a prelude to a merger between DAF and Seddon Atkinson.

Starting at £10,750 the new trucks are competitively priced, a factor which is becoming increasingly important.

Mrs Castle calls for Pensions Board study on women's equality

By Margaret Stone

Equality for women in occupational pension schemes is the theme of the latest remit from Mrs Barbara Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, to the Occupational Pensions Board.

The terms of reference for the OPB are: "To consider, in the light of the *Government's* proposals for the future of pensions, and in particular their *intention to end discrimination* against women in occupational pension schemes what further *steps are necessary, whether by* way of legislation or otherwise, to implement the principle of *equality of status for men and* women in such schemes."

The OPB is now asking for the *views of interested organiza*tions and individuals (which should be submitted to the OPB *by June 30). It hopes to* be able to report back to the Government by the end of the year.

Guidelines have been drawn up by the OPB to help identify the problems in this field. The first two are obviously the lower retirement age for women coupled with their greater life expectancy which can affect either the level of benefits or the pensions contribution rate.

Other points of difference between the treatment of men and women in occupational pension schemes are *different pen*sion ages, cover for dependents, and entry conditions.

The OPB wishes to identify all areas in which men and women are treated differently and the reasons for the differences. Then the board will be able to consider whether any differences can be justified and how to remove those which are not.

Also, the OPB will be having a look at the treatment of women scheme members in the special areas where they have to be looked at separately. In particular, it is interested in how maternity leave, for example, should be treated for pension purposes and what are the rights of divorced and separated wives.

US oil companies retain 100pc of Aramco shares

New York, April 10.—Mobil Oil Corporation's move to ex*pand its interest in the Arabian* American Oil Co (Aramco) in Saudi Arabia has brought to *light some surprising facts.*

Among them is that none of the stock of Aramco, a Dela*ware corporation, has ever left* the United States despite widely publicized reports of the Saudi *government having taken over* 60 per cent ownership of the company.

The Saudi government is not a shareholder in Aramco, it was learned. The government's *60 per cent participation is in* the "producing assets" of Aramco, not in the company *itself.*

The huge petroleum refinery at Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia, *and certain other facilities,* as well as all the stock of Aramco, continue to be owned 100 per *cent by the company's four* United States shareholders: Exxon, Standard Oil of Cali*fornia, Texaco and Mobil.*

Mobil holds 10 per cent of the stock of Aramco. The re*maining 90 per cent is divided* equally among the three other companies.

Under the new arrangement, Mobil's interest will rise to 15 per cent over a five-year period, while the proportionate interests of the others will decline to 28⅛ per cent each in 1979.

But Mobil will not buy the additional stock from the other Aramco shareholders. Instead the purchase, for an undisclosed price, will be made from Aramco itself. Aramco confirmed it would issue new shares for Mobil to purchase. The amount of shares at present outstanding was not disclosed.

Aramco said the agreement did not have any effect on "existing participation arrange*ments" with the Saudi* government nor on "curent negotiations to revise such arrangements."—AP-Dow Jones.

Sharp rise in mechanical industry profits

Both monetary and real profits in the mechanical engineering industry showed sharp rises *in 1973-74, according to a survey* published today by the Mechanical Engineering EDC.

Pre-tax profits as reported by the companies in the sector on an historical basis rose from £130m to £164m while on an inflation adjusted basis they are estimated to have risen from £104m to £143m. These figures compare with respective figures for the sector in 1969-70 of £102m and £83m.

The report goes on to point out that although inflation adjusted profits in 1973-74 were only 12 per cent less than reported monetary profits, this was almost entirely the result of a large gain from the companies' holdings of net monetary liabilities. The positive adjustment on this item in fact offset no less than 50 per cent of the overstatement of profits arising from stock appreciation and the understatement of depreciation.

Inflation adjusted retentions also showed considerable *improvement,* with retained profits more than doubling in 1973-74 to £31m. In 1969-70 the *figure had shown* a deficit on retentions of £3.5m.

EMI's chemical offshoot wants to break away

From John Earle
Rome, *April 1*

Signor Gino Pagano, chairman and Signor Camillo d'Amelio, *vice-chairman of* ANIC, the chemical subsidiary of the Italian state-owned oil and gas corporation *ENI,* have called for ENI to be deprived of its chemical holdings. These, they say, should be formed into a new independent company in the public sector, which should consist of ANIC itself and of ENI's minority holding in the Montedison Chemical Company.

In a joint interview published in *L'Esspresso* magazine today, Signor Pagano and Signor d'Amelio said: "Our opinion is quite clear. ENI's shareholdings relative to ANIC and Montedison should be reunited, today and not tomorrow, in one and the same company, with one and the same managerial and political purpose." This new company would be "independent of ENI and would have great weight inside the whole of Montedison".

The two managers said the new company should be formed immediately, before Signor Eugenio Cefis, of Montedison, could put into effect reported plans to hive off Montedison's profitable activities

Awards to three financial writers

Winners of the 1974 Wincott Awards for outstanding achievement in economic and financial journalism were named yesterday as: Kenneth Fleet, City Editor of *The Daily Telegraph,* Charles Pritchard, City Editor, the *Yorkshire Post* and Anne Segall of the *Investors Chronicle.*

Kenneth Fleet was named as financial journalist of the year and awarded the senior prize of £500. Charles Pritchard was chosen as the leading financial journalist on a provincial paper and receives an award of £350. Anne Segall was chosen as the leading financial journalist under 28 and awarded £250.

Business appointments

Deputy chief executive for the SE

Mr Jeffrey Knight has become deputy chief executive of The *Stock Exchange. His* principal responsibility, however, will continue to be as head of the quotations department. Mr Martin Fidler has been made secretary to the Council in succession to Mr G. C. Wintle.

Mr J. Clayton Stephenson has been elected a vice-president of Union Carbide Corporation and chairman of Union Carbide Europe Incorporated.

Mr G. J. Shortell has been made head of manpower resources at the Machine Tool Trades Association.

Mr P. H. Ling has joined the board of Charles Roberts.

Mr M. P. Renton has become chairman of Chancery Consolidated in succession to Mr F. C. Horton Scott, who has retired.

Mr Stuart Douglas, director of the British Man-Made Fibres Federation, has been made secre*tary of the Man-Made Fibres Pro*ducers Committee.

Mr F. W. Gibson, a deputy *general manager of National* Westminster Bank, has been elected deputy chairman of Bankers' Automated Clearing Services in succession to Mr G. E. K. Foster. Mr D. Robinson has become a director of the company to represent Williams and Glyn's Bank in place of Mr Foster.

Mr Bill Bailey has been made group sales director (stationery) of Sandhurst Marketing.

Mr G. I. Bowman, Mr O. Gates and Mr T. P. Lowden are to become partners in L. Messel.

Mr J. B. Sutherland, deputy chairman and group managing director of African Oxygen, has been elected to the board of the parent company, BOC International. Lord Elworthy has relinquished his seat on the BOC board.

Mr R. A. Sutch has been named as secretary to the Ottoman Bank Committee in London, in place of Mr I. P. Whittington who has *resigned after his appointment* as general manager in London.

Mr John Rogers, of Eimco (GB), *has been elected chairman of the* Association of British Mining Equipment Exporters.

Mr John Negus has joined the board of Caledonian Reprographics.

Mr D. W. Turner and Mr K. B. Walter have been made full-time members of the British Airports Authority.

Mr G. Boothman has become chairman of Pantak (EMI). Mr W. H. Laws succeeds him as managing director. Mr J. M. Tyrell has succeeded Mr R. E. *Palmer as finance director, EMI* Records.

Mr P. D. Silverstone has resigned *from the boards of* Mount Charlotte Investments, Gale Lister and Co, Nuthalls (Caterers) and Grand Hotel (Bristol).

Mr Martin Withers has joined the Elga Group as marketing and publicity manager.

Mr John Venning has been made a director of Williams Lea and Pecivan Press.

Mr Roy Strange is to become Pergamon Press director for Educational books and book production as from June 10.

Mr Basil Denning has been made managing partner of the London office of Harbridge House Europe. Mr Anthony West, man*aging director,* will be moving his office to Harbridge House, Paris.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Building societies and the problems of index-linking

From Mr Norman Griggs

Sir, Professor Pearce and Mr Kregel (Business News Letters, April 9) read more into my letter of March 24, than was justified. It expressed no opinion on the merits of index-linking. It did not "beg the Government not to introduce index-linked bonds" nor talk about "the absurdity of a 20 per cent borrowing rate".

All it did was to draw attention to the serious implications of the Government setting other *financial institutions off along* the same road. Although neat as an economic theory, the practical problems of index-linking are immense and not to be lightly embraced.

If, in the absence of a cure, *we have to learn to live with* rampant inflation, building societies are well placed to *introduce index-linking and* already a great deal of work has been done by the Building Societies Association on a suitable scheme.

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Theory needs amending

From Mr E. D. Ingram

Sir, The recent criticisms of Norman Griggs appearing in your newspaper are well deserved as they reflect the basic policy all too frequently carried on by responsible people in this country of trying to face both ways.

In fact, the Building Societies Association has plans for index-linking but is blocked by the Government. There are advantages and disadvantages with this method, and foremost of the disadvantages is the inherent instability of the system as the index is not responsive to market needs for money.

My committee have found solutions to these problems without the need for index-linking and I have just completed a draft paper on the reasons why mortgage theory has been wrong in the past, always leading to an unstable supply of money for borrowers (and frightening borrowers) as interest rates vary.

The basis of this is that any stable financial system (even at low rates of interest and inflation) must incorporate feedback systems responding to changes in the supply and demand for money and to changes in the "rent" paid for money already on loan in such a way as to maintain stability.

It is fundamental to the effectiveness of such a system that it should respond to the correct environmental changes and this means a response to changes in "true interest rate" after allowing for inflation, and not simply "interest rate". The alternative is instability, enormous waste in the building industry, distressed borrowers and possibly even disaster to the savings industry.

Negative real interest is presently costing investors in building societies £3,000m per annum. Add to this the money lost by the pension funds for the same reasons, and other savings, and you have another problem. This purchasing power is slowly filtering through to borrowers and will show itself increasingly in the next two years as greatly stimulated demand and spending. Based on the above figures and GNP of say £50,000m, perhaps *an extra 10 per cent on basic rate income tax will be needed to mop up this money,* and this may lead to further difficulties. I call this effect "Ingram's Inflation Pump" as I seem to be the most informed on the subject and its remedy.

Our method is fully developed and could be carried out easily and quickly by anyone with our research results.

Unfortunately the Department of the Environment, whose job it is to research these matters, continually asks us to do the research and to bear the cost. They are aware that we have spent resources and money to the value of £6,000 or more already and that our resources (even in the national interest) are limited.

In spite of Mr Michael Morris, MP (Conservative, Northampton, South) recommending in the housing debate in the House of Commons—*Hansard,* February 6, 1975, column 1684—that our proposals be studied by the BSA (and implicitly therefore by the DoE), the level of cooperation from these two bodies does not appear to reflect an overwhelming desire to put the nation's interests first. In the words of the DoE's own representative, "it is up to you to prove that your system works". Well, give us the tools and we will finish the job, in spite of them, not because of them. My finances have run out.

E. D. INGRAM,
Chairman, Housing Finance
Income Committee,
31 York Road, Northampton.

Only way to remove all distortions

From Mr John Hoskyns

Sir, I was glad to see Professor Pearce's and Mr Kregel's letter (Business News, April 9) explaining the confused thinking of the secretary-general of the Building Societies Association.

The very fact that a zero-risk 4 per cent real return is now *competitive* shows where inflation leads. Do-it-yourself indexing is likely to creep in (at least *as far as arbitrary tax laws* allow) as people try to restore some sort of rational economic *relationship between borrowing* and lending, the present and the future, risk and return. If a suitable currency does not exist, it becomes necessary to invent one. There is a close parallel with the black market which can never be entirely suppressed in a controlled economy.

However, I disagree with Professor Pearce and Mr Kregel in their statement that, once *everything is indexed* "the index itself is reduced to nonsense". To introduce indexing *in selected areas simply causes* fresh distortions. It is *only* when everything is indexed that *the distortions are removed and* the all-powerful inflationary *expectations* (which make pre*sent trades union* behaviour both rational and inevitable) evaporate. With full indexing *in operation,* a monetary and fiscal policy of stabilization can be introduced with less social hardship and some hope of union acceptance.

I believe that the whole question of an indexing policy needs airing. The other day, I asked a senior—and economically literate—civil servant what was the Government attitude to a comprehensive system of indexing. He replied that the Treasury was against it. We both agreed that this in itself was a powerful recommendation for such a policy.

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Not so hot

From Mr P. J. Eggar

Sir, The South Western Electricity Board, Bath District, recently installed underfloor heating here under a 20-year guarantee. A bathroom ceased to function.

A SWEB mechanic made a 10-minute inspection: said he could not understand it and left. This morning an account arrived for £4.17 for "carrying out work as per quotation".

P. J. EGGAR,
The Barton,
Ditcheat Manor House,
Shepton Mallet,
Somerset.

Protectionists

From Mr Francis Prideaux

Sir, The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Depart*ment of Industry uses your* columns (April 4) to argue that "importing what can be made *at home is indefensible". Such* an extreme protecrionist position raises several vital questions which Mr Meacher and *his* ministerial colleagues would surely do well to consider:

(1) Why should workers in this country have to pay the higher prices for textile (and other) goods which further import controls would entail?

(2) Why should unemployed workers overseas be made to suffer for the imposition of *short-time working in industrial* Lancashire?

(3) What provision are the *Departments of Industry and* Employment making to improve this country's miserly and short*sighted record on opportunities* for retraining?

(4) How will Britain's other exporting industries fare once we start to play beggar-my-neighbour with our trading partners?

(5) What conclusions should be drawn from the fact that most textile imports in 1974 came from other countries in Western Europe?

(6) What plans have the Government to make our textile industry more accountable to the needs of the majority?

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Price of Polish shirt imports

From Mr F. D. Berka

Sir,—We are the United Kingdom representatives of the Polish shirt and clothing industry, and as such would be grateful for an opportunity of replying to the remarks by Mr Keith Pullum, chairman of the British Shirt Manufacturers' Federation (April 4).

It is true that the cif prices of Polish woven polyester/cotton *mass produced shirts* range from £1 to £1.50 cif United Kingdom port. It should *be borne in mind, however, that* these prices are for bulk quantities only, exclusive of import *duty, VAT, landing charges and* importers' margins of profit.

After the addition of all *above charges plus retailers'* profit—the shirts in question would sell to the public at *prices from £3 to £4.50* respectively; such prices being perfectly average and normal for mass produced shirts from inexpensive fabrics. Shirt prices from other sources are often substantially lower than those of Poland.

In the past 12 years of our agency for Polish textiles and *apparel, not one single* charge of unfair trading practices has ever been made against us, and *in this light the specific and* general observations concerning Polish textile exports made by *Mr Keith Pullum are com*pletely unjustified.

For the benefit of your *readers, the Anglo-Polish textile* trade is on balance in favour of the United Kingdom and, *furthermore, Polish textiles and* apparel exports to this country amount to less than 1 per cent of *total British textile imports.*

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John C. Small & Tidmas Limited

Textile Turnover and Profit Increased

The 80th Annual General Meeting will be held at 12 noon Monday, 5th May at the New Mechanics, Nottingham.

The following is an extract from the Chairman's statement.

I am pleased to report that the profit for the year before taxation amounted to £224,756 compared with £194,207 for 1973. The directors recommend a final dividend of 1.194p per share on the increased capital, being the maximum permitted by present restrictions.

Once again an increase in turnover enabled us to absorb some *of the continually rising costs but the pressure on margins is* now more intense in home and overseas markets and the present outlook for the textile trade remains uncertain.

The new building at our Chard factory is now complete and in full use.

The balance sheet shows an increase in bank borrowings of £147,941 after repayment of £150,000 in respect of the preference shares and capital expenditure on account of the new building of £57,000 up to the year end.

In the present uncertain economic situation it is not prudent *to make a forecast for the year* but thanks to the continued efforts of management and employees we face the challenge with confidence.

Results for the year ended	31 Dec. 1974	31 Dec. 1973
Sales	£2,407,900	£1,927,434
Profit before tax	£224,756	£194,207
Profits attributable	£102,185	£95,739
*Earnings per share**	8.5p	8.0p
Dividends per share (net)*	2.325p	2.159p

* On the 1,200,000 ordinary shares in issue after the 1 for 1 capitalisation issue on 26th September 1974 (1973 figures adjusted accordingly).

W.H. Smith & Son (Holdings) Limited

Results 1974/75

	1974/75 £'000	1973/74 £'000
Sales to customers outside the Group	217,266	167,401
Profit before taxation and extraordinary items	9,137	9,875
Taxation	5,094	5,106
Extraordinary items	129	904
Profit for the year	4,170	5,661
Per £1 Ordinary Share		
Dividends		
Interim paid 10th February, 1975	2.64p	2.45p
Final proposed—payable 4th July, 1975 if approved	5.67p	5.04175p
Total gross equivalent	12.403p	11.025p
Earnings before extraordinary items	23.9p	28.2p
Dividend cover before extraordinary items	2.88	3.76
Asset value	239.2p	222.3p

Extract from the Chairman's Statement and Directors' Report

Profits before tax were £9,137,000 compared to £9,875,000 last year. This is after providing an additional £813,000 to fund the increased cost of pensions.
A difficult year with price controls, a high rate of inflation in costs and losses of £2,500,000 turnover due to disputes suffered by publishers.
Inflation accounts show that merely to maintain last year's profits we needed to make over £11,000,000.
Profits for the last four months increased from £5,842,000 to £6,875,000. This increase was due to the buoyant state of retail sales over Christmas, the attraction, competitiveness and public acceptance of our merchandise, the skill and hard work of our staff and poor trading conditions in the comparative period last year.
Capital expenditure in the year totalled £7,620,000 and this was largely spent on our retail expansion programme.
Overseas—Canada had a successful year and in Holland our new venture opened its first retail pilot shop and has three major outlets planned for the coming year.
Our Balance Sheet is strong and our continuing expansion programme will be financed from existing available resources.

WHSMITH

THE SCOTTISH NORTHERN INVESTMENT TRUST, LIMITED

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

	Year to 5th February 1975	1974
Investments at Valuation*	£29,142,123	£50,078,531
Total Assets	£29,307,606	£50,754,050
Ordinary 25p Shares in issue	35,161,219	35,161,219
Asset Value per Share	58.73p	101.17p
Revenue available for Ordinary Shareholders	£676,022	£937,814
Earned per Ordinary Share	1.92p	2.67p
Ordinary Dividend Rate (1974 equivalent same)	2.3375p	2.375p

* Heritable Properties included At Cost

● The Annual General Meeting will be held on 8th May 1975 *and the final dividend of 1.50p per share, if approved, will be* posted on 8th May.

● Net Revenue has declined for three principal reasons:—
1. A reduction in Unfranked Income.
2. Lack of revenue from certain unquoted investments.
3. The burden of servicing the former multi-currency loan, now repaid.

● To develop the land investment at Peterhead a joint venture company, under the name of Peterhead Development Company Limited, has been formed with Rush and Tompkins Limited. It is anticipated that work on the first phase of residential development will commence in a matter of weeks.

● The list of the twenty-five largest holdings this year contains twelve Canadian investments reflecting the relatively *superior performance during the year of the Canadian mar*kets. The investment in Noble Grossart Limited remains the largest on the list.

● An equity stake has been taken in Seaforth Maritime Limited, a rapidly expanding Aberdeen based service company, and since the year end 29 per cent of the equity of Cruden Bay Brick and Tile Company Limited has been acquired.

● 1974 was a year which investors will wish to forget. 1975 began on an even gloomier note but there now seem to be one or two small signs that perhaps the desperate need to improve our national economic and social situation is beginning to be understood.

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EMI Limited

8¼ per cent Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1981 amendment of conversion terms

In accordance with the conditions of the Trust Deed constituting the 8¼% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1981 the conversion terms of the stock have been amended as a result of the Rights Issue to ordinary stockholders which closed on 7th April, 1975.
The amended terms are that each £1.7647 nominal of the stock, instead of £2 nominal of the stock before the amendment, may be converted into one ordinary stock unit of 50p.
Stockholders may elect to convert on the amended terms as at 31st December in each of the years 1975 to 1980 inclusive.

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Deelkraal Gold Mining Company Limited

("the Company")
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Authorised		*Issued and to be issued fully paid*
R5 600 000	in 28 000 000 shares of 20 cents each	R5 600 000

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Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange in London for the whole of the issued share capital of the Company to be admitted to the Official List. Application has also been made to The Johannesburg Stock Exchange for a primary listing.

Particulars relating to the Company will be available on 28th April, 1975, in the statistical services of Extel Statistical Services Limited and Moodies Services Limited.

Copies of the prospectus, as advertised, may be obtained during normal business hours (Saturdays excepted) up to and including 30th May, 1975, from:—

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11th April, 1975.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Marks & Spencer regaining momentum

larks & Spencer has proved ie of the best performers nong the blue chips since the urn of the market—more than oubling from a low of 95p—id that left no room for the oup to turn in full year gures below market expecta-on yesterday. Nor did it, with cond-half sales growth celerating to over 29 per cent id, more importantly, second-lf profits moving ahead by per cent after the virtual andstill in the opening six onths.

Just how much the second-lf sales figure tells us given e rising rate of inflation is other matter, but Marks ckons that a healthy propor-n of a 26.6 per cent increase full year sales on non-food ods was attributable to lume growth.

And the message appears to that after a very good fourth arter the sales trend is still od. Clearly, a fair amount is ing to depend on Government tion on consumer expenditure xt week—and, perhaps, later the year—but outside alysts are looking for sales owth of at least a fifth this ar, with much more likeli-od of keeping profits growth ith only marginal help from erseas) roughly in line. But it is no less than a p/e of at 193p is looking for, bough the one for one scrip an obvious sweetener.

ial: 1974-75 (1973-74)
pitalization £624m
les £722m (£572m)
e-tax profits £81.9m (£76.8m)
rnings per share 12.2p (11.4p)
idend gross 9.66p (8.6p)

.T. Bowring

ear end rovisions

was clear at the interim ge that some of C. T. Bow-g's more unhappy first half formers were beginning to w recovery, but the key certainty was whether the vitable year end provisions l write-downs were going to e out whatever improve-nts might otherwise be seen. the event, the full year fig-s give both optimists and ssimists grounds to argue y were right.

There have, indeed, been ty provisions, unrevealed in al, but apparently three or r times greater than normal spread across the property, urance, hire purchase and king interests. As a result perty turned in a £653,000 . insurance was slightly vn in spite of a £807,000 eptional South African fit, Singer & Friedlander's fits were more than halved £547,000 and Bowmaker ned in a £601,000 loss com-ed to a £4.5m profit the year ore. All told the result was re-tax outcome rather lower n analysts expected.

he fundamental trading provement has been real ugh, however. Counting the iving engineering interests. vmaker turned in a modest ond-half profit after a first-f loss of £1m, and appears e taking a very conservative w of its hire purchase bad t exposure. New business is l being held on a tight rein the recent fall in interest es should mean further pro-ss in 1975. Singer & Fried-der has held up its head ter than many expected and main broking interests, up £1.2m at £7.5m last year, ntinue to forge ahead.

Admittedly there are areas e shipping which must now vulnerable. But unless inter-rares now bounce back-rply Bowring must be look-t for a much better year in 75, and the shares at 54p ve their attractions despite a below-average yield of 5.8 per cent.

Final: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £54.7m
Sales £486m (£508m)
Pre-tax profits £7.94m (£13.2m)
Earnings per share 5.4p (6.2p)
Dividend gross 3.15p (3.15p)

Rowntree

Better than expected

A 22 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £14.7m in Rowntree Mackintosh is encouraging, as is the reduction by £6m to £29m in short-term debt. But then the group has the advantage of a particularly strong cash flow, with retentions last year of £8m thanks to the tax relief available on losses accruing from 1973's cocoa disaster. In fact, another £16m of United Kingdom profits can be earned—last year they were around £7m—before tax begins to bite again.

Prices rose 28 per cent in the United Kingdom, but thanks to brand strength market share was held at around 23½ per cent. There was evidence at the end of the year, however, that retailers had overstocked, especially at the top end, with the result that volume sales of chocolate assortments are currently down by around 4 per cent. Overseas, which accounts for 45 per cent of the £252m sales, is still gaining in strength, with South Africa contributing about £3m to profits. Australia improving rapidly, with a profits potential of over £1½m this year, and the French acquisition turning in about £2½m.

Interest charges should fall this year from the £8.56m level, with working capital requirements also possibly diminishing—stocks rose by only £11m last year, when sugar and cocoa prices were generally at abnormally high levels. Much depends on Tuesday's Budget but, assuming no significant change, an improvement to over £16m in 1975's pre-tax profits could be attainable. At 100p, RM sells at 6.3 times earnings and yields 6.4 per cent, possibly the best bet among the food companies unless interest rates significantly reverse their present trend.

Final: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £36m
Sales £252m (£205m)
Pre-tax profits £14.7m (£13.1m)
Earnings per share 15.9p (14.3p)
Dividend gross 6.36p (5.33p)

Smiths Industries

Dividend hoist

Smiths Industries has shown once again that it is far more than a motor component company, with a rise of 35 per cent to £6.1m in pre-tax profits from a sales gain of only 18 per cent for the half-year to February 1.

A recovery on a half-year marred by a three-day week and component scarcities was to be expected, but even so the profit achieved was up to £1m more than some analysts had estimated.

True, the directors warn shareholders that the second six months are not expected to continue the growth trend of the previous 12 months as recession begins to bite, but a pre-tax profit of nearly £13m for the full year (against £11.3m) would seem to be a reasonable target.

Of total trading profits of £7.4m, those made from clocks, spark plugs, radios, etc. distributed through the trade, are still big at £3m, but aerospace contributed £1.3m, miscellaneous industrial interests £1.5m with marine equipment promising bright things and hoisting profits from £96,000 to £641,000. Every division went ahead in fact save vehicle manufacture and subsidiaries overseas.

Meanwhile, the directors have decided to raise the interim dividend by the maximum rather than wait for the final. At worst, then, shareholders get the dividend payment at present allowed; at best the final can be raised if the Government relaxes dividend curbs in the Budget. The shares rose 2p to 124p yesterday where they yield 7 per cent on last year's final dividend simply added to the latest interim, and sell at about 7 times prospective earnings. They are reasonable value.

Interim: 1974-75 (1974-73)
Capitalization £42.7m
Sales £75.3m (£64m)
Pre-tax profits £6.1m (£4.5m)
Dividend gross 3.68p (2.72p)

W. H. Smith

Second half recovery

W. H. Smith's strong second half last year is a fair indicator of what the group is capable of this year. In the final four months alone, profits rose 17½ per cent to £6.87m and, though that takes in Christmas sales, the benefits to Smith from inflation in paper prices was obviously a strong element. The group's margin on distributing newspapers and magazines probably averages around 12 per cent of the selling price and that margin will have [illegible] in proportion with rises initiated elsewhere.

Smith's own costs will obviously have climbed fairly steeply in the meantime, particularly on the labour-intensive wholesale side, but the higher revenues from wholesale sales and higher volume on the retail side should enable the group at least to hold present net margins. The early part of last year was held back by the publishing dispute, costing £2.5m of turnover, by the oversharp cutback in gross margins to accord with the prevailing Price Code requirement, and the three-day week. Nevertheless the fall from £4m to £2.3m in interim profits was pulled back to produce a near-even position at the year end, and a realistic hope this year might be for a 25 per cent increase in both sales and profits. On this basis and given the promising performance from new selling area at home and overseas the shares are not unattractive at 310p on a prospective p/e of around 10. The yield is 4 per cent historic but a good cover position may have implications after the Budget.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £43.3m*
Sales £217.3m (£167.4m)
Pre-tax profits £9.14m (£9.87m)
Earnings per share 23.9p (28.2p)
Dividend gross 12.403p (11.025p)
* "A" ordinary shares.

After Hutchison International's dismal 1974 experience, Jardine Matheson could not provide more of a contrast. At the three-quarter stage earnings were up by 30 per cent and after-tax profits by 44 per cent and the final quarter brought even more rapid acceleration so that full year earnings emerge 42 per cent to the good at 14p and after tax profits 57 per cent up at £18.6m—more than £1m ahead of forecast.

The first quarter of the present year is "up to expectations", the dividend is up by 26 per cent, and with the inevitable scrip issue of one-for-six it was hardly surprising to see the shares rising 8p yesterday to 378p.

Tim Congdon examines the background to industry's hopes of concessions in next week's Budget

Profitability: how much of a problem?

There is one crisis which until recently few disputed—the crisis of profitability in British industry.

Interpretation of profit statistics has been complicated by inflation, which has wreaked havoc with conventional accountancy practices. The touchstone of accountancy for centuries, that "a pound is a pound is a pound", is no longer valid and new definitions, expressed in terms of adjusted pounds, have become necessary.

Two questions are basic to the present controversy. The first is, "have real profits, either as a share of national income or as a return on capital, declined in recent years?" The second is, "if they have declined, how far is this attributable to inflation and the accompanying distortions?"

The answer to the first question was for a long time unambiguous and undisputed. Profits have declined. The return on capital is lower than it was 20 or even 10 years ago and, similarly, the share of profits in national income is smaller.

A cautious challenge to this growing consensus is made by Mervyn King of St John's College, Cambridge, in a recent article, "The United Kingdom Profits Crisis: Myth or Reality?" in last month's *Economic Journal*. He does not dispute that pre-tax profits have slid continuously for many years.

But he does dispute that post-tax profits have collapsed. "The results suggest", he says, "that however profits are defined, there was no long run or secular decline in the share of profits after tax." The contrast between pre-tax and post-tax performance is due to a gradual reduction in the corporate sector's tax burden mainly because of increasingly generous investment incentives.

The effective tax rate on gross trading profits stood at a peak of 38 per cent in 1951. Since then it has fallen, with only occasional hiccups, to 11.6 per cent in 1973. Indeed, many companies which would be regarded as profitable on almost any criterion have at present a tax liability of purely nominal proportions.

This conclusion depends, of course, on all sorts of assumptions of which perhaps the most important is that investment grants are treated as deductions from a company's tax payments. It would be perhaps justifiable to quibble with this assumption as plainly a company has no discretion about the way it uses investment grants which, in this sense, are different from other components of post-tax profits.

There is also a more fundamental "chicken and egg" problem in explaining these changes. Have the reductions in the effective tax rate lowered profits? Or has the decline in profitability caused a fall in the Inland Revenue's tax yield from the corporate sector?

Some economists would argue that lower pre-tax profit rates are precisely what one would expect if the Government lowered the effective levels of company taxation. The rational response to generous investment incentives is to increase investment, but if the supply of capital increases the return on capital should fall. On the basis of the historical record that would seem to be exactly what has happened.

If this explanation is correct the apocalyptic tinge which has tended to colour the discussion of company profitability in recent months appears inappropriate. Lower pre-tax profit rates are merely a response to the environment of incentives in which business operates. It does not reflect a deterioration in that environment because of a greater harshness of competition.

The second question, that of the connexion between inflation and profitability, is even more vexing. Much publicity has been given to two ways in which inflation misrepresents companies' true positions and thereby undermines profitability.

The first, impressively labelled "the Doomsday machine" by Professor A. J. Merrett and Allen Sykes in a celebrated article in the *Financial Times*, is the taxation of stock appreciation profits. The debate, battleships, popguns and all, is still not fully resolved, but positions have stabilized a little.

To summarize the argument, the taxation of stock appreciation profits is justified in non-inflationary conditions because, if any assets held by a company have risen in value in such circumstances, this must mean that the company has made a gain compared with other companies. But when stock appreciation profits are taxed during inflationary conditions part of the nominal gain does not reflect a relative improvement in a company's position. It is not "better off" in any meaningful sense because all prices have increased.

The second set of confusions caused by inflation is associated with the greater difficulty of interpreting depreciation. On traditional historic cost principles companies made allowance for the cost of replacing old machines as if the price they would have to pay in future would be the same as the price in the past.

But the price of machines plainly is affected by general inflation. Historic cost accounting therefore resulted in companies' underestimating the cost of keeping their capital intact and in overestimating profitability. The distortions were believed to be most serious in capital-intensive sectors, such as engineering, which are the hub of British industry.

While these two difficulties, which tended to paint a blacker picture of industry's underlying position, were highlighted, it was easy to overlook some of the ways inflation helps the company sector. This was the more surprising because some of inflation's benefits were exact counterparts to its disadvantages.

If a company increases its bank borrowings by, say, £10,000 to purchase a machine there is quite a good justification for adopting historic cost accounting principles rather than either replacement cost principles or one of the more fancy inflation adjusted principles. The reason is that inflation makes it easier to repay £10,000 in 1975 than in 1970.

In other words, although the sum of money a company needs to set aside to buy a new machine in a few years' time may be increased by inflation the real value of its debt is reduced by inflation. The loss from inflation on one side of the equation is automatically compensated by a gain from inflation on the other.

The importance of this point is that, since the mid-1960s, most companies have been greatly increasing fixed-interest liabilities and short-term debt, rather than equity capital. The erosion of the real value of their debt is, therefore, in most cases a genuine and substantial bonus.

An estimate of the size of this bonus is made in a recent paper on "Accounting for Inflation—Recent Proposals and their Effects", given to the Institute of Actuaries by P. W. Parker and P. M. D. Gibbs, of Phillips & Drew, stockbrokers. After analysing the accounts of 116 major United Kingdom listed companies they concluded that the median effect of adjusting monetary liabilities for inflation was to raise published earnings figures by 45 per cent.

There were one or two other gains from inflation, but they and the erosion of debt gain, were more than offset in total by the higher costs of depreciation and stock appreciation. The overall effect of inflation accounting was to reduce earnings 10 per cent beneath published figures. Although significant, this hardly suggests that the distortions of inflation have sounded the deathknell of capitalism in this country.

A proviso must, however, be inserted. To increase monetary liabilities may be a good insurance policy against inflation but it is a dangerous insurance policy against normal commercial risks. There have been clear signs in recent months that companies are too highly "geared". Prudential constraints must eventually affect their ability to profit from inflation.

Indeed, there is probably a good argument for saying that the most urgent problem facing industry at present it not a profitability problem, but a liquidity problem. The urgency of the liquidity problem has, however, been considerably reduced by the measures taken by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the November Budget and may be reduced further in the Budget next week.

There is a profitability problem, but it is of a long-term nature and is far from being unique to the British economy. It has not been caused by inflation, but is related to the enormous increase in the capital stock in recent decades and to tougher competition, both at home and abroad.

Arab boycott starts to hurt the Israelis

Moshe Brilliant

The Arab boycott is beginning to hurt. Israeli manufacturers have reported that some long-time suppliers had asked them to place orders for raw materials discreetly through forwarding agents or subsidiary companies. Some distributors abroad were reluctant to handle Israeli products and some customers requested that "made in Israel" labels be removed.

Israeli businessmen described these experiences [illegible] but claimed they did not affect the availability or cost of raw materials nor the scope of exports. They were much more concerned about an apparent reluctance among foreign corporations to invest in Israel.

The new climate was seen in Israel as resulting from the accumulation of purchasing power by the Arab world in the past year-and-a-half and the dramatization of the boycott by the steps against big Jewish-owned banks abroad. Some businessmen and financiers without apparently having been threatened or put under pressure by Arabs, decided it was prudent not to get involved in Israel.

The timing is most inopportune for the Israelis. Israel is about to enter the EEC's free trade area and customs barriers on her industrial exports are to be lifted in Europe in two years. This had been expected to attract American manufacturers to establish plants in Israel, where skilled labour is plentiful and cheaper than in Europe and where potential export industries are entitled to state incentives including grants and loans amounting to up to 70 per cent of the investment.

A number of American manufacturers who had been negotiating to set up enterprises stopped suddenly. Others requested that their involvement should be kept confidential. How many were deterred is impossible to guess.

American corporations already operating in Israel have also reported strong pur[illegible] none has yielded, according to Dr Alexander Rafaeli, vice-president of the Israel Manufacturers Association.

"They haven't even played games by changing names or reassigning their investment," he said. "Most of them have made nice profits here without investing too much, apart from their know-how and trade names."

In some cases the Arabs told blacklisted companies that they were willing to overlook operations in Israel if the companies invested in Arab countries as well, according to General Meir Amit, president of Koor Industries Ltd, a holding company owned by the General Federation of Labour (Histadrut). The general, a former head of the Israel security services, observed: "Perhaps it's a tactical step and they'll later pressure the companies to get out of Israel."

A senior finance ministry official in Jerusalem agreed that the government had not fought the boycott energetically over the years because it had not seriously interfered with economic development, but he claimed the administration was now acting more forcefully.

He said, for example, one of the reasons Mr Y. Rabinowitz, the Finance Minister, had postponed a visit to Washington was the reluctance of Mr Simon, the American Secretary of the Treasury, to include a denunciation of the Arab boycott in a proposed joint statement. The official said the Israelis have now received satisfactory assurances [illegible]

In the recent negotiations through Dr Kissinger for a second stage settlement with Egypt, the Israelis demanded a relaxation of the boycott against third parties as a condition for an Israel pullback in Sinai. The official said the Israelis raised the matter in all diplomatic contacts.

The view in Jerusalem is that the most effective countermeasures would be legislation abroad to make surrender to the boycott illegal. "We must create a balance where surrender to the boycott involves penalties, just as not giving in does," the official said.

Pressures have been mounting in Israel for a more dramatic Israeli backlash. General Haim Herzog, newly appointed permanent delegate to the United Nations, criticized his government in newspaper articles and called for the establishment of an international Jewish economic organization "to spearhead a world counterattack against the boycott and those who submit to it".

Mr J. Rich of Mount Eliza, Australia, was among friends of Israel around the world who wrote to *The Jerusalem Post* asking that lists of banks and financial institutions succumbing to the boycott be published regularly so that the "international financial and business community, Jewish and gentile, can make its own deductions".

Mr Shmuel Tamir, a prominent Opposition deputy in the Knesset, protested that the government had advised Jewish leaders abroad not to go too far.

Government officials said they did not oppose a counter boycott but they were circumspect about giving [illegible] citizens. General Amit said, however, that he did not favour a counter-boycott. "We're outweighed", he explained. "We must seek more sophisticated methods."

He viewed the main problem not as the Arab boycott office but the growing Arab economic power which intimidated some financial and business circles to decide not to get involved with Israel.

Legislation to prevent takeovers was one possible way of checking the Arab use of their money to buy world power and influence.

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's prime minister: he faces growing pressure for stronger measures to counter the Arab pressure on overseas concerns.

Barclays Bank Limited.

Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting of Barclays Bank Limited was held on Wednesday 9th April 1975 at the Head Office of the Bank, 54 Lombard Street, London E.C.3.

Mr. A. F. Tuke (the Chairman) presided.

The Special Resolution and the Ordinary Resolution as set out in the Notice of Meeting concerning a Stock Dividend Option Scheme, were withdrawn. The Chairman gave the reasons why the Board had decided that the scheme should not be implemented, and he confirmed that the final dividends for the year ended 31st December 1974 would be paid in cash in the usual way.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for 1975 of Barclays Bank Limited was held on Wednesday 9th April 1975 at the Head Office of the Bank, 54 Lombard Street, London E.C.3.

Mr. A. F. Tuke (the Chairman) presided.

The Secretary read the Notice convening the Meeting and the Report of the Auditors.

The Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the year 1974 were approved.

Final Dividends of 4.2746p. per £1 Ordinary stock and of 7p. per £1 Staff stock were declared, payable on 2nd May 1975 to the Stockholders on the Register of Members at the close of business on 14th March 1975 in the case of Ordinary Stockholders and at the close of business on 31st December 1974 in the case of the Staff Stockholders.

The Directors retiring in accordance with the Articles of Association including those retiring by rotation were re-elected with the exception of Sir Cuthbert Clegg who did not seek re-election, and other ordinary business was transacted.

An Ordinary Resolution as set out in the Notice of Meeting was passed whereby the capital of the Company was increased to £275,000,000 by the creation of 45,000,000 new Ordinary shares of £1 each to be converted into Ordinary stock as and when issued and fully paid up.

A Special Resolution as set out in the Notice of Meeting was passed whereby the Articles of Association of the Company were altered to take account of the increase in capital aforesaid.

A Vote of Thanks to the Staff and to the Chairman for presiding at the Meeting was proposed by Mr. I. T. Thomas, and the Chairman responded.

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Business Diary: Stamp duty • A man from the Pru

John Manning

Owen (left) and Usherwood of the Pru yesterday: inside.

anges are ahead for the ational Savings movement hen John Anstey takes over e reins from the present chair-an, Sir Robert Bellinger, at the ginning of May. After a riod of almost indecent expo-ire to external criticism—both nstructive and destructive—is now time for the movement reorganize both its structure id attitudes.

Sir Robert's five-year term of ffice was stormy and relations ith the Treasury were always rmal and occasionally acri-onious. Events reached their adir with the publication of e Page Report on National avings in 1973 which damned

nstey: beneficiary.

he existing movement in almost very sentence.

The highspot was the Govern-ent's decision to go ahead ith some form of index-linked avings schemes, which go on ale later in the year.

To some extent the new chair-nan—who is appointed by the Treasury—is a beneficiary of the earlier turbulences. Sir Robert's battle for survival having been won, it will be up to Anstey to put the new ideas which have been generated in that time into practice.

In no way will it be putting the clock back, perhaps to the dismay of some of the veterans of the National Savings movement who find Anstey's appointment both controversial and disappointing.

Anstey, who is 68, is a tobacco man. Formerly chairman and managing director of John Player and a director of Imps, he has been involved with National Savings—largely on the industrial side—for many years. He has been vice-chairman of the National Savings Committee for the last seven years and chaired the working party looking into the reorganization of the movement.

The report, which recommended more functional groupings for National Savings regional committees to replace the plethora of committees serving no specific purpose which have grown up over the years, was preempted by the Page Report. Now it has been taken down from the shelves, dusted and is ready for implementation.

It is very much a domestic affair, but one which should improve the morale of most, if not all, National Savings voluntary workers, not to mention the officials of the Department of National Savings who have to mother the volunteer organizations.

Once these internal changes are under way, then Anstey will return to the wide world—also to do battle with the Treasury. A marketing man himself, he believes the DNS is product-oriented and he wants a greater and more effective marketing thrust for National Savings.

Office life...

Very much "the man from the Pru" is Ronald Owen, the designated chairman of Prudential Assurance. Owen, who is 64, has been with the leading life office for 46 years and in elevating him the Pru seems to be consolidating a tradition of insider rule.

Kenneth Usherwood, the retiring chairman now 70, who will remain a director, is also a career Pru man. Before his appointment however, the chairmanship alternated between insiders and outsiders.

Before the Usherwood era, Sir John Mellor was an outsider, Sir Frank Morgan a Pru man, Sir George Barstow, a retired civil servant, and Sir Edgar Horne an insider, in the sense that his family were large shareholders in the Pru.

The Pru is effectively run by a cabal of inside executives anyway, for all of the board members are part-time and non-executive. The group has a sort of two-tier board structure unusual among the British life offices.

Under the "supervisory board" elected by the shareholders, which, of course, elects its own chairman, is an "executive board" headed by Geoff Haslam, the Pru's chief general manager. As one executive board member put it yesterday, "we propose and they dispose".

Retired full-time executives usually go up to the "Lords" when they retire.

Owen, like his predecessors, will be expected to be available for consultation two days a week in the Pru's red-brick Gothic castle in Holborn, and to preside over the finance committee which ratifies (or sometimes modifies) executive board proposals. He moved "upstairs" two years ago when he retired as chief general manager.

He was appointed assistant general manager in 1949 and was closely involved with Pru's overseas expansion. He was made a deputy general manager in 1959 and became chief general manager nine years later.

Owen is also a one-time deputy chairman of the British Insurance Association. He was closely connected with the formation of the Motor Insurance Repair Research Centre and was its first chairman.

Potent Iran

Sir Dan Pettit, chairman of the state-owned National Freight Corporation, clearly sees great potential in Iran. He has chosen Ken Cook, the 52-year-old managing director of his most profitable haulage company, Midlands BRS, to run NFS (International) Limited, Iran.

This is the company with headquarters in Teheran newly created with the blessing of the Shah's government to sort out the present chaos of Iran's road transport situation.

Matters came to a head last year when the country's huge industrialization programme was threatened by a shortage of cement. There was plenty in the country but getting it to the right place was impossible.

Sir Dan has signed a three-year agreement with the Iranians to provide on-the-spot expertise. Cook and a team now being recruited from BRS at all levels will act as consultants to the government on transport, warehousing and distribution.

Cook spent 24 years in the RAF, starting as a wartime Pathfinder and ending as a wing-commander. He returned to civilian life in 1968 and spent two years with a firm of business consultants.

He joined BRS in September, 1969, and three years later when BRS was reorganized with the emphasis on regional companies, he was appointed managing director of Midlands BRS, one of the largest units.

At that time it was a byword in the industry for its wasteful use of expensive premises, unprofitable long-term contracts and its poor labour relations record.

After a memorable confrontation with Alan Law, the transport union's strong man in the Midlands, Cook transformed the whole operation. Today private hauliers grudgingly concede that in the Midlands, at least, nationalized road transport is a tough competitor at every level.

Cook told Business Diary last night: "I have been out to Iran several times in the past few months and I know exactly what I am letting myself in for."

Although no one at NFC is saying so, they are obviously hoping that, with the ear of the Iranian government, they will be tuned to the transport requirements of one of the world's fastest growing economies. In view of the close cooperation between NFC and British Leyland that could mean increased sales for Britain's biggest truck producers.

Gold Fields

Issue of

11,872,870 Ordinary shares

of 25p each

at 185p per share

Holders of Ordinary shares are reminded that if they wish to take up the new Ordinary shares now being offered they must ensure that their Renounceable Provisional Allotment Letter accompanied by payment of the amount due on acceptance, **185p per new Ordinary share,** is received by Lloyds Bank Limited, Issue Department, P.O. Box No. 287, 51 Gracechurch Street, London, EC3P 3DD, **at or before 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th April, 1975.**

Consolidated Gold Fields Limited

49 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6BQ.

11th April, 1975

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Marshall Cavendish puts brakes on its American loss-maker

By Ashley Druker

Dented by the debacle in the United States the preceding year publishers Marshall Cavendish found further deterioration in the first six months of 1974 (profits down from £2.24m to £232,000), with the rest of the group's United States operation turning sour. In the full term to December 31, pre-tax *profit is slightly* higher than the £1.1m forecast at £1.16m (more than halved from £2.98m), while as forecast the total payout is halved at 3p. Turnover was higher at £17.52m against £16.86m.

Net profit dropped from £1.44m to £532,000 and after an extraordinary item (relating to the United States activity of £525,000 against £1.1m the "attributable" loss comes to £9,000 compared with a balance of £412,000. Per-share earnings, before the item, dropped from 7.55p to 2.58p.

Meanwhile, the board has decided to shut the Marshall Cavendish corporation's mail-order book publishing operation in the United States.

During the past year the opportunity was taken to improve materially the group's net current asset position. For the year ahead, the board is hopeful that, in the light of the closure of the loss-making activities in the United States, results for 1975 will show an improvement on those now reported. The shares put on a ½p to 15p.

Doubts ahead for Berwick Timpo after rise to £1m

In spite of the production disruption from the three-day week and attendant problems of rising costs and shortage of supplies, toy-maker Berwick Timpo pushed its pre-tax profit 27 per cent to top £1m for the first time at £1.03m in 1974. Sales *climbed 27 per cent to £7.4m.* The "attributable" moved from £387,000 to £483,000, and per-share earnings from 7.8p to 9.7p. The total payment is raised from 2p to 2.25p.

Imponderables arise on the year ahead, in that orders last year at the toy fairs were unrealistically high because of fears over availability of supplies. Though orders so far this season are lower than at the same period, despatches to customers are running at the same level. But the current position is no real indication of the final outcome—the bulk of business falling in the second half.

Mid-Yorks reject Croda bid

Already holding a powerful 38.2 per cent stake in the equity, Croda International's £8.1m bid for another speciality chemicals manufacturer, Midland-Yorkshire Holdings, has met with forthright rejection. The 360p a share offer terms is not in the shareholders' best interests, the M-Y board says, and is wholly inadequate.

Promising a letter to holders shortly, this will contain profit estimates, and details of further dividend payments subject to Treasury consents. The offer terms compare with a closing *price of 366p.*

The statement declares the board's intention to pay a further dividend of 21p for the year to March 31. On this basis, the gross value of the ordinary dividends for that year will be 40p (compared with 13.125p).

Meanwhile M-Y has been advised that Robinson Brothers (Ryders Green) has bought 121,000 M-Y ordinary at 400p a share and has thereby increased its total holding to 299,000 shares (13.3 per cent) in addition to 75.4 per cent of the preference.

Issues & Loans

Deelkraal Gold share offer

Deelkraal Gold Mining Company expects that it will have a net cash surplus from *1981 onwards* with profits accruing steadily for the next 30 years. Expenditure of R100m (£60m) will be needed to bring the mine to production (at 1975 costs), but no attempt has been made to estimate the impact of inflation upon the final capital requirement. A monthly milling rate of 140,000 tons is planned.

To provide funds for the period until 1977, some 20 million new shares are being issued at R2 each. Of these, 6.15 million are being taken up by Gold Fields of South Africa and the balance of 13.85 million are being offered to GFSA shareholders on the basis of 85 Deelkraal for ever 100 GFSA, with provisional allotment letters being posted on May 9.

The issue will be dealt with at length in Monday's Mining Column on the basis of present exchange rates, and the dollar premium, United Kingdom cum premium buyers will be required to put up about 209p a share. It is expected that the market in London may be limited and it may be worthwhile for shareholders who wish to sell their rights to have their GFSA shares transferred to the South African register before April 25.

1 for 3 rights by Fothergill and Harvey

By David Mott

In order to concentrate on the profitable high technology areas of its business Fothergill & Harvey plans to raise £684,000 with a 1 for 3 rights issue at 53p a share. Before the news the shares stood at 68p, but then fell sharply to 64p and closed at that.

Over the 12 months to January 4 profits before tax rose 27 per cent to a record £806,000 out of a turnover increased from £6.9m to £8.6m. But the picture was marred by a second half which saw profits tumble 29 per cent because of price controls. Earnings rose from 7.86p to 9.48p a share and the total dividend from 6.7p to 7.52p.

Stock markets

Wall St steadies shares at close

The stock market had another cautious day's trading, with the major institutional investors clearly disinclined to take any chances ahead of Budget Day. Equities suffered one of the quietest sessions for many weeks and turned in a recorded bargains total of only 5,249.

Short-dated Government stocks staged a rally following the retreat of recent sessions, but its strength waned as the day progressed. The longer-dated stocks did not share the better tone of the "shorts",

A 35p jump to 178p in the Potgietersrust Platinum share price could well betoken a resumption of what is thought to be a battle for control between the Gold Fields group and "Johnnies". Gold Fields has a relatively small interest in platinum compared with the other major mining finance houses.

and although they were initially steady, the downward trend was reasserted and prices finished ⅜ to ¼ point lower. "Mediums" ended an ⅛ point down after being a net ⅛ point up at one stage.

The rally that developed in the "shorts" first became apparent in after-hours trading on Wednesday and prices rose an ⅛ point *immediately on* opening yesterday. However, after displaying gains of up to a ¼ point at lunchtime, prices drifted back to end with net gains of between 3-16 to ⅜ point.

Dealers said that the early advance occurred on a thin market and buying was not substantial. There was some money seeking a home, and this was sufficient to turn the market up briefly.

Equities opened firmly in response to Wall Street's overnight strength, but drifted down as the day developed. Major stocks were closing with minor losses until the last hour of business, when Wall Street was again strong and brought a recovery.

Closing prices for ICI (219p), Beecham (218p), Courtaulds (107p) and Unilever (332p) were unchanged from overnight. EMI (108p) and Rank Org "A" (170p) edged forward, helped by their Wall Street links. Bats (300p) were firm for the same reason, but Bowater Corporation (118p) and Reed Int (208p) remained quiet. Fisons, another United States favourite, closed 5p up at 322p, having come back from 328p on profit-taking.

Elsewhere it was the company results list which provided most of the features. On the brewery pitch, shares in Greenall Whitley flared up to 50p as the market responded to hints of a bid. A fresh spate of buying took Trust Houses Forte up to 113p (after 105p earlier)—with the gossips suggesting fresh moves by Allied Breweries.

A rumour that a rights issue is in the offing took 7p off shares in Kwik Save Discount at 175p. Among the North Sea stocks, Berry Wiggins closed unchanged at 70p after disclosing a purchase of a stake in Attock Oil. City sources predict that Consolidated Gold Fields is interested in Berry Wiggins's North Sea stakes.

The industrial pitches continue to be dominated by companies reporting results. Outstanding was Rowntree Mackintosh where better-than-expected growth of 22 per cent put 2p on the shares to 100 A higher return and a 100 p cent scrip left Marks & Spenc (193p up 6p at the end, whi a dip of around 7 per cent W. H. Smith was rather abo expectations and the " shares firmed 14p to 310p. interim rise helped Adwest, 2p to 112p, but rights ne depressed Fothergill & Harv in spite of a better return. He the close was 6p down at 62

Shares in Burmah Oil lost

A block of 1½ million shar in British Oxygen was succes fully placed yesterday. Th shares changed hands at arou the market price of 38½p—u changed on the day.

to 36p on active turnover tales were told in the mark of an impending report on t extent of the group's losses its ill-fated tanker charter sig

But BP (340p) held stea with the help of Wall Stre and gold shares too received boost from the American ma ker. Early falls were cut by half. FS Geduld (26½), Pre dent Brand (£22) ended wi losses ranging to around 50p. Active stocks yesterday, accor ing to Exchange Telegraph we ICI, Marks & Spenc Beecham, Burmah Oil, Babco & Wilcox, Midland Bank ne Consolidated Goldfields ne BP, Boots and GEC.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Adwest Group (25p) Int	2.98	2.61	30/5	—	8.82
Berwick Timpo (25p) Fin	1.31	1.16	6/6	2.25	2
C. T. Bowring (25p) Fin	2.15	2.15	—	3.15	3.15
City & Gracechurch (25p) Int	0.64	0.65	12/5	—	1.65
Richard Clay (25p) Fin	2.62	2.38	16/5	3.51	3.23
Ford Motor ($2.50) Qly	60*	80*	2/6	—	320*
Andrew Findlay (25p) Fin	1.42	1.21	—	2.16	1.92
Fothergill & H'vey (25p) Fin	4.54	4.83	—	7.52	6.7
Ldn Scots Finance (10p) Int	1.04	1.04	—	—	2.53
Marks & Spencer (25p) Fin	6.5	5.66	13/7	9.65	8.61
Marshall Cavendish (10p) Fin	2	4	—	3	6
Owen Owen (25p) Fin	2.54	2.27	13/6	3.25	2.89
Rowntree Mack (5p) Fin	4.6	3.73	10/7	6.36	5.33
W. H. Smith (£1) Fin	5.67	7.52	4/7	12.40	11.02
Smiths Inds (50p) Int	3.69	2.72	2/6	—	7.67
Viscose (£1) Fin	7.68	7.64	11/6	13.92	13.64
Weeks Assoc (10p) Fin	0.97	0.97	—	1.57	1.57

*Cents a share.

T. CLARKE

Turnover for 1974, £4.3m (£3.8m). Net profit, £80,000 (£102,000). Earnings a share 2.23p (2.83p), and dividend 18 per cent gross (16 per cent).

STRAITS STEAMSHIP

Dividend 34 per cent (31½ per cent). Scrip issue of one-for-four proposed. Profit of company (a subsidiary of Ocean Group) $Singapore10.2m ($6.1m).

ADVANCE ELECTRONICS

Group proposes to redeem £1.25m 10½ per cent unsecured loan stock 1990/95 at £75 per cent. Documents will be posted as soon as possible.

THE EAST LANCASHIRE PAPER GROUP LTD.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31st December	1974 £	1974 £	1973 £	1973 £
Turnover		18,960,323		13,469,248
Trading Profit		2,572,064		1,288,397
Deduct:				
Depreciation	310,598		237,256	
Interest Payable	211,589		228,559	
		522,187		465,815
		2,049,877		822,582
*Exceptional Charges		467,458		—
Group Profit before Taxation		1,582,419		822,582
Taxation:				
On the profit of the year	786,525		371,138	
Attributable to exceptional charges	179,100		—	
		965,625		371,138
Group Profit after Taxation		[illegible]		451,444

*Exceptional Charges—Additional pension contribution of £228,590, a general provision for bad debts of £137,000 and a charge of £101,868 for the writing down of maintenance stocks.

MR. C. G. SEDDON'S STATEMENT

The Annual General Meeting of The East Lancashire Paper Group Limited will be held *at Radcliffe, Manchester, on May 1. The following is the Statement of the Chairman,* MR. C. G. SEDDON, as circulated to shareholders with the Report and Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1974:

1974 was a year of unprecedented demand throughout the Trade and because these conditions existed for most of the year we were able to obtain a more realistic price for our products, thus enabling us to improve our pre-tax earnings to the figure already reported in the Press of £1,582,419. Your Board recommend that a final dividend of 10.5% be paid, making a total for the year of 17.5% gross. Although requirements for all your Group's products remained strong until well into December, far longer than most other manufacturing industries, writing was clearly seen on the wall and in view of the current economic situation, and particularly the necessity of preserving liquidity and cash flow, your Board felt it prudent to restrict the dividend to the amount detailed above.

THE EAST LANCASHIRE PAPER MILL COMPANY LIMITED

In other ways 1974 was not an easy year, although we got through the Coal Strike, electricity restrictions and even a breakdown of our turbine without too serious a curtailment of our production, *this, coupled with an extra week's holiday* inevitably meant a lower tonnage than the previous year.

Once again the Paper Mill contributed the major portion of the Group's profit and although productivity was only marginally up contributions increased markedly largely through the policy of concentrating more on higher added value products.

Computer control on the Company's No. 1 Paper Machine by Measurex, as mentioned in my statement last year, has proved itself to be worthwhile both financially and also in improving the quality of our product. To this end we are installing another less sophisticated control package on our No. 5 Machine, however, the major part of capital expenditure will be on further improving the finishing of paper in the Mill. To bring this about another new cut size sheeter, which will be linked to a fully automated wrapping and boxing line, has been ordered. This is scheduled to start up after the September shut.

On the Packaging side we also had a successful year and were fortunate in being able to obtain the waste paper we required for our production. However, before the year-end it became apparent, due to the economic situation, that there was a falling-off in demand and as I am writing this *now I am afraid we are working* at only about 60 per cent capacity, and this, I may add, is general throughout this particular side of the industry. Regrettably, this has meant we have reached our capacity for the storage of the waste paper we use in the manufacture of packaging papers. Our warehouses are full. This is a very unfortunate situation to have arisen, particularly after the promotion of such an awareness of the need to maximise the collection of this valuable recyclable commodity. Unless the situation alters drastically very soon, future collections will inevitably decline. In common with other users we deplore the fact that the Government has so far not seen fit to initiate or offer to support any scheme for the storage of waste paper.

THE EAST LANCASHIRE EXPORT COMPANY

This Company improved its performance for more than was anticipated with direct exports amounting to £435,833, indirect exports of £526,011, making a total of £961,844.

MERCHANT DIVISION

This section of the Group also greatly increased its contribution and the state of the market enabled us to *considerably* tighten up controls on credits and stocks as well as to improve margins to a realistic level.

WALDORF STATIONERY & GREETING CARDS LTD.

Apart from the consequence of the initial months of 1974, the situation was further aggravated by a tremendous upsurge in demand, creating a shortage of material which was hindered even more by lengthy and unreliable delivery dates causing difficulties in the production of our seasonal trade and general stock lines.

The threshold payments and price controls together with the additional finance required at high interest rates to support the inflated value of our stocks, eroded profit margins. Despite all these problems I am pleased to report that we achieved an increase in our throughput which enabled the upward trend in profits to be maintained.

The development of the Company for the future has continued. A new warehouse built last year is giving much needed additional storage capacity and together with a more organised flow of material to the factory, a quicker turn round of stock. The computer has now been programmed to produce better stock control data for management decisions and will enable the Company to operate more efficiently with a reduced level of stocks. These two factors are essential to combat the serious effects on the financial position caused by the results of inflation on stock values.

ARNOLD BELFORD LIMITED

As with the rest of the Group this Company benefited from the state of trade but also from the production of new products made possible by the start-up of new equipment, as I mentioned last year.

PROSPECTS

As at date the demand for our products has considerably lessened and although production-wise we are still working full time, with the exception of the Packaging side, and can see first quarter profitability above that budgeted, the second quarter could become more patchy.

As to how long market conditions will remain depressed I am not prepared to speculate. What I can say is that our Managements are alive to the seriousness of the situation, and are under pressure to bring home to everyone for whom they are responsible, the fact that budgets are tighter and even stricter economies and standards of efficiency will have to be effected in the coming months. I can also say I have confidence that as far is it lies in their power to respond everyone employed in the Group can be relied upon on this occasion, as in the past, to play their part in seeing us through to the prosperous future I believe lies ahead.

In August, after having served your Company some 42 years, as a Director for 35 and Managing Director for 27 years, I *relinquished my Executive responsibilities.* I accepted your Board's invitation to continue to act as Chairman and, subject to your re-electing me a Director, am prepared to continue to exercise such duties as the office demands for as long as it is felt I am able to make an effective contribution to the wellbeing of the Company.

Although not strictly in the period under review, at the February Board Meeting of the Group Mr J. D. Holt, our Company's Financial Accountant, was co-opted to the Board as Financial Director, a move which I feel can only strengthen it.

It therefore gives me very great pleasure to express through this medium my sincere thanks to "all my working colleagues in the Group" from the newest starter straight from school to those who *have gone on pension during the year,* and on a particularly personal note to say a sincere thank you to the many who have helped and supported me over the years.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¾ 1981	103	103
Airlease 8½ 1983	86	89
Ashland 8 1987	88¾	89¼
BICC 7¾ 1987	64	72
Bristol 8¼ 1979	91¼	92½
British Sil Crp 8¾ 1989	86	90
Burlington 7¾ 1987	88	89
Carrier 8 1987	88½	89½
Chevron 7 1980	97½	98
Conoco 7 1980	96	97½
Conoco 8 1986	92½	93½
Cons Food 7½ 1991	83½	85¾
Coventry 8½ 1981	93½	94½
Coventry 8¼ 1980	90	92
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	90½	91½
Curacao Tokyo 10½ 1981	101¼	102¼
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	89½	90½
Dana 8 1987	89½	[illegible]
Denmark Kngdm 7½ 1990	83½	84½
Denmark Mortgage Bank 7¾ 1991	79½	80½
Dundee 9¼ 1985	92½	93½
Escom 9¼ 1989	89	91
Escom Fltng Rate 1983	96½	97¼
First Chicago 7 1980	93½	94¾
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	78	82
GATX 8¼ 1987	87½	88½
Guardian Royal 8 1987	76	79
Hambros 7½ 1987	76	79
ICI 7¾ 1992	78	82
Internat Util 8¾ 1986	94	95
Legal & Gn Ass 7½ 1988	76	79
Manchester 8¼ 1981	87	89
Mexico 8¾ 1991	81	87
Michelin 7½ 1988	82½	84
Mitsubishi 9 1989	93½	95½
Motorola 8 1987	90½	91½
Nat & Grindlays 7½ 1987	77	80
Nat Coal Board 8¾ 1988	80	84
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	101½	102½
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987	86¼	87¼
Occidental 7½ 1981	79	81
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	89½	90½
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	101¼	102¼
Pennwalt 8 1987	88½	89½
Ralston Purina 7½ 1987	86½	89½
Scanraff 7½ 1990	83½	86½
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	90¾	91½
Shell 7½ 1987	90½	91½
Singer 11 1977	100½	101½
Skand Enskila 10¼ 1981	101½	102½
Slough 8 1989	81	83
South Africa 8 [illegible]	81	85
Standard Oil 8 1980	100	101
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	96½	97¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	97	98
Sybron 8 1987	88½	89½
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	81½	82½
Textron 7½ 1987	81½	82½
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987	89½	90½
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	96½	98
Union Oil 7½ 1987	81	90
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	87	93
Volvo 8 1987	88	89
Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987	83	85

DM BONDS	Bid	Offer
APEL (DM) 10 1981	103¼	103¾
Charter (DM) 6½ '68/85	79	80
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	80	81
Denmark (DM) 9½ 1989	100½	101½
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	73	74
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	88	89
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	89½	90½
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	103½	104½
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	89½	90½
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	103½	104½
Suedafrica (DM) 8½ 1970/85	92	93
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7½ 1983	90	91
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	61	65
American Express 4¼ 1987	78	80
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	85	87
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	101	103
Beatrice Foods 4⅞ 1992	91	93
Borden 5 1992	87	89
Borden 6¾ 1991	97	99
Broadway Hale 4½ 1987	69	71
Carnation 4 1987	83	85
Chevron 5 1992	86	88
Cummins 6¾ 1986	81	83
Dart 4¾ 1987	71	76
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	105	107
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	82	84
Eaton 5 1987	72	74
Ford 5 1988	69½	71½
Ford 6 1986	80	82
Gillette 4¾ 1987	76	78
Gould 5 1987	73	75
General Electric 4¼ 1987	85	87
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	109	111
Harris 5 1987	66	68
Honeywell 6 1986	71	76
ITT 4½ 1987	69	71
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	112	114
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	111	113
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	88	90
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	81	83
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	80	82
Revlon 4¾ 1987	93	95
Rank Org 4¼ 1995	45	48
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	82	81
Squibb 4¾ 1987	83	85
Texaco 4¾ 1988	69	71
Union Carbide 4⅞ 1982	101	103
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	89	91
Xerox Corp 5 1988	71	73

DM = Deutschmark issue

Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London

English & Scottish Investors Limited

Managers and Secretaries:

GARTMORE INVESTMENT LIMITED

5 YEAR RECORD

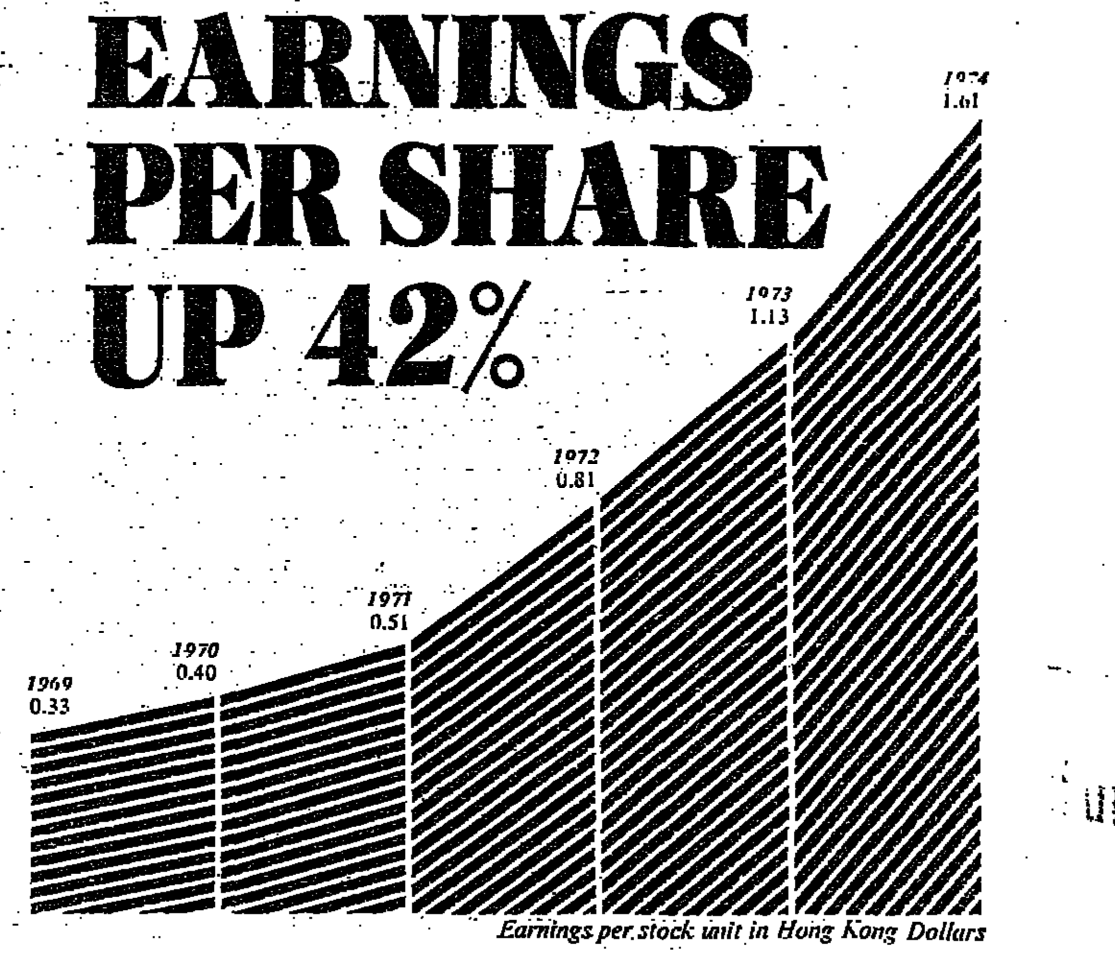
Year to 31st January	Gross Revenue £	Dividend per Ordinary Share p	Net Asset Value per 25p Share p
1971	633,700	3.25	115
1972	571,505	3.38	165
1973	617,388	3.50	185
1974	912,[illegible]	*2.80	158
1975	1,027,724	*3.25	121

*exclusive of imputation tax credit.

Performance	Movement % 31.1.74 to 31.1.75
Net Asset Value per 25p Share	−23.4
Financial Times Index	−25.1
Dow Jones Index (adjusted for dollar premium and currency movements)	+1.6
Earnings per Ordinary Share	+11.6
Dividend per Ordinary Share	+16.1

Geographical Distribution of Portfolio	%
Equities:	
United Kingdom	21.2
North America	26.3
Far East and Australia	3.9
Africa	17.0
Other Countries	1.3
	70.2
Government Securities	20.9
Net Current Assets	8.9
	100.0%

EARNINGS PER SHARE UP 42%



Earnings per stock unit in Hong Kong Dollars

1974 after tax earnings were HK$ 215.4 million compared with HK$ 136.7 million in 1973. Earnings per stock unit increased by 42 per cent to HK$1.61, from HK$ 1.13 in 1973, as adjusted.

A final dividend of HK$ 0.45 per stock unit is recommended, making a total of HK$ 0.63 for the year—a 26 per cent increase on the adjusted 1973 figure. The dividend is covered 2.5 times.

A free scrip issue of one stock unit for every six held is recommended and the directors expect to maintain the current rate of dividend on the enlarged share capital.

Group liquidity is strong and our short term position remains substantially in surplus. All projected future capital commitments can be financed out of cash flow and pre-arranged term loans.

Jardines spread of assets and diversification of activities have enabled the good results in 1974 to be achieved despite current world conditions.

The 1974 results were assisted considerably by the Group's sugar operations in Hawaii, compensating for the more difficult year in the financial services and industrial activities, which were affected by declining world trade and high interest rates.

Prospects for further growth in 1975 are encouraging, subject to no further deterioration in the international economic situation.

Henry Keswick
Chairman
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd

	1974 £	1973 £
Earnings after tax	18.6m	11.8m
Earnings per stock unit	0.14	0.10
Dividends per stock unit	0.05	0.04
Stockholders' funds	141.6m	126.1m

Currencies converted at rate ruling 31 December 1974 (£1 = HK$ 11.56)

JARDINES

Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd Connaught Centre, Hong Kong

FINANCIAL NEWS

Adwest climbs past interim £1m

The undisturbed growth trend f Adwest Group over the past ecade continued in the half to lecember 31 with profits topping £1m for the first time, and nings going well in the final age. The shares responded esterday, rising 2p to 112p.

Pre-tax profit for the openg half of this maker of automotive, agricultural, electrical, ydraulic and general engineerg products, climbed 12 per nt to £1.05m and the "attributable" from £426,000 to 67,000. The interim payment lifted from 2.61p to 2.98p. Orders in hand are in excess the same period. Despite duced demand for automotive oducts, all operations continue be profitable. Liquidity is od and another strong year promised.

Owen Owen at resh peak

Government restrictions on argins and higher costs have d a marked effect on the perrmance of Owen Owen, the verpool-based stores group, in e year to January 25. But ese factors notwithstanding, e group pushed pretax profits a record of £2.18m, an crease of 34 per cent on the erious year to which all secns of the group's business ntributed. The shares rose 6p 46p.

Group sales also reached a w peak and at £51m showed increase of 16 per cent. Earnings per share rose from p to 10.38p and with a final idend of 2.54p the board are sing the year's total dividend m 2.89p to 3.25p. Hudson's y Company has a stake in the up's Canadian companies.

ark Lane Casino r Ladbrokes

With its agreed bid for rnons, Britain's second lart pools group now called off, dbroke Group, the betting f gaming concern, has pursed Hyde Park Casinos for rovisional £1.45m.

Hyde Park operates the Park e Casino; which is the lart of its type and is expected oring in some £500,000 a year profits—much of it from rseas visitors.

Ladbroke thinks the purchase l made a significant addition its "highly successful" ino division, which has eady been reinforced this ır by the acquisition of three inos for £555,000.

organ Crucible

n the report yesterday on the rgan Crucible rights issue l preliminary figures it was made clear that the increase borrowings related to the iod from December 31, 1973 March 10, 1975. During the t part of the financial year, company incurs the payment oth tax and the interim divid. The increase during 1974 short-term borrowings was ı rather than the £12m ed.

M steady at £183m

International Business Machs Corporation, have reported profits of $437.2m (£182.9m). the three months ended rch 31, 1975, compared with 1.3m for the same period last r.

Sales totalled $3,272.0m comed with $3,001.7m. Earnings share have risen from $2.94 $2.96.

For the year ended December 31, 1974, net profits rose from $1,575.47m to $1,837.64m and sales from $10,993m to $12,675.3m.

J. Compton final up

From turnover up from £11.6m to £13.5m the pre-tax profit of J. Compton, Sons & Webb (Holdings), the uniform and clothing makers, rose from £1.16m to £1.28m in 1974. Earnings per share were up from 3.38p to 3.62p and the final dividend is raised from 1.5p to 1.6p making a total of 2.1p (2p). After a higher tax charge, net profits were £627,000 against £585,000.

Lubok acquisition

Lubok Investments, the former rubber growers in which Mr Jim Slater and his associates have a controlling interest, say their South African offshoot, Selected Holdings, is to acquire the entire share capital of Sub Florida North Homes & Property Development from Brick & Potteries.

The total cost is put at R1.85m (£1.1m) which is being satisfied by the issue of 1.48m Selected Holdings shares.

A Findlay higher

Taxable profits for 1974 of Andrew R. Findlay Group, which came to market in mid-1973 through a reverse takeover of British Rubber Estates of Java, rose from £348,000 to £411,000 and sales from £5.3m to £6.35m. The total dividend is being raised from 1.92p to 2.16p with a final payment of 1.42p.

MOD ENGINEERS BRISTOL
Turnover for 1974, £5.9m (£3.5m). Taxable profit £213,000 (£164,000). Earnings a share, 5.01p (4.19p). Dividend is 3.84p (3.41p).

RICHARD CLAY
Turnover for 1974, £5.4m (£4.2m), net profit, £398,000 (£377,000). Earnings a share, 5.49p (5.21p). Dividend is 3.51p (3.23p).

LDN SCOTTISH FINANCE
Taxable profits for half year, £141,500 (£138,000) on turnover, £1.18m (£1.31m). Interim dividend, 1.04p (same).

WEEKS ASSOCIATES
Turnover for 1974-75, £5.8m (£3.2m). Taxable profit £280,500 (£216,000). Dividend is held at 1.57p.

G. & G. KYNOCH
Turnover for half year, £337,000 (£325,000). Pre-tax loss, £40,000 (profit £40,000).

Wall Street

New York, April 10.—The New York stock market ignored several items of bad news during the day to finish strongly higher in active trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 13.30 points to 781.29. It had been up more than 11 in the morning, dipped shortly after noon to about six, then climbed back up to about 15 at 1400 hours before settling again toward the close. Gaining issues at the close outnumbered declines by about 965 to 460.

Volume was 24,990,000 shares compared with 18,120,000 yesterday.

Brokers said the initial rise continued the momentum of Wednesday's sharp runup when the Dow index climbed 18.77 points. Behind the rise they said was an improving bond market and lowering interest rates.

One broker said the market was strongly influenced by the performance of IBM which reported almost unchanged first quarter earnings. The market took its big dip at that point. IBM was halted for an influx of orders after falling a bit. However, indications from the Big Board showed that IBM was expected to improve and along with that the market also rose.

Silver closes 4.9c up

New York, April 10.—SILVER futures closed about two to three cents off the highs, 4.50 to 4.90 cents up. April, 415.10c; May, 416.50c; June, 419.40c; July, 422.30c; Sept, 428.00c; Dec, 436.60c; Jan, 439.10c; March, 444.80c; May, 450.50c; July, 456.00c. Handy and Harman, $414 (previous $409). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$4.175 (previous Can$4.123). GOLD futures declined from $1.10 to $2.30 in light trading in New York and Chicago. On the Comex the spot contract fell $1.40 to $171.70. The IMM spot month did not trade and closed nominally unchanged at $173. NY COMEX: April, $171.70; May, $172.40; June, $173.10; Aug, $175.30; Oct, $177.60; Dec, $179.70; Feb, $181.90; April, $184.10; June, $186.30; Aug, $188.50. CHICAGO IMM: April, $172.0 nominal; June, $172.90-173.10; Sept, $176.30; Dec, $179.80-180.00 bid; March, $183.50 asked; June, $187.00 bid; Sept, $190.00 nominal. COPPER.—Futures closed easy, down between 280 and 300 points on 3,304 lots. April, 56.20c; May, 56.60c; June, 57.00c; July, 57.50c; Sept, 58.60c; Dec, 60.30c; Jan, 60.80c; March, 61.90c; May, 62.90c. SUGAR.—World sugar futures in No 11 contract closed mixed with prices 0.05 cent higher to 0.25 cent lower on sales of 2,981 lots. May, 24.25-4.55c; July, 22.80-2.95c; Sept, 21.50-1.25c; Oct, 20.55-0.45c; Jan, 18.50c nominal; March, 18.55-8.45c; May, 17.70-7.80c; July, 17.05c; Sept, 16.40c nominal. COTTON.—Futures closed steady on 1,750 lots. May, 43.75-77c; July, 43.72c; Oct, 45.50-55c; Dec, 46.15-19c; March, 46.90-7.07c; May, 47.40-75c; July, 47.90-8.25c. COCOA.—Futures closed down 0.79 to 0.49 cents a lb. May, 59.21c; July, 56.55c; Sept, 55.52c; Dec, 54.46c; March, 53.51c; May, 53.16c; July, 52.81c nominal; Sept, nil. Spots, Ghana, 78c. Bahia, 67c. COFFEE.—Futures in "C" contract retreated almost steadily on profit-taking and long liquidation, after recording early gains of a half-cent or so. Mid-afternoon prices were about 0.25 to 0.35 cent down for the day. May, 47.03-6.95c; July, 48.55-8.30c; Sept, 49.80-9.60c; Nov, 50.30-0.90c; Dec, 51.00c; March, 51.00-1.50c. WOOL: Futures were unchanged at the close. Crossbred futures were tradeless. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 110.0c nominal. May, 115.0-9.0c; July, 120.0-5.0c; Oct, 122.0-9.0c; Dec, 127.0-32.0c; March, 128.0-33.0c; May, 129.0-34.0c; July, 130.0-5.0c. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 65.0c nominal. May, 70.0-5.0c; July, 72.0-80.0c; Oct, 72.0c bid; Dec, 73.0c bid; March, 74.0c bid; May, 75.0c bid; July, 76.0c bid. CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Oil futures were offered down one cent a lb daily limits and Meal lost $3.70 to 80 cents a ton. Weak Grains and Beans amid talk of increased competition from Brazilian Soyabean Oil sales and a lower cash oil market added pressure. SOYABEANS.—May, 572½-71½c; July, 571-70c; Aug, 571-70c; Aug, 571-70c; Sept, 564½c; Nov, 561½-62c; Jan, 567-56c; March, 572½c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—May, $126.00-6.50; July, $130.50-1.00; Aug, $133.50; Sept, $136.00-6.50; Oct, $137.50; Dec, $140.00; Jan, $142.50-3.00; March, $145.00-6.00. SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 26.55c; July, 25.45c; Aug, 24.70c; Sept, 24.12c; Oct, 23.20c; Dec, 22.35c; Jan, 21.80c; March, 21.30c. CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed weak 13 to 11 cents lower. May, 360½-360c; July, 349-349½c; Sept, 355½-356c; Dec, 365c; March, 369c. MAIZE closed weak 10¼ to 9½ cents lower. May, 285½-285¼c asked; July, 285½-285⅝c asked; Sept, 277½c asked; Dec, 264-264¼c; March, 269½c; May, 273½c. OATS closed weak six to 5½ cents lower. May, 152¾c; July, 146c asked; Sept, 141¼c asked; Dec, 144½c asked.

	Apr 10	Apr 9		Apr 10	Apr 9		Apr 10	Apr 9
Allied Chem.	35½	34⅞	Gen Foods	23⅞	23⅞	Santa Fe Ind	25⅞	25⅞
Allied Stores	28½	28¼	Gen. Instr.	10⅞	10⅞	SCM	13	12½
Allied Supermkt.	3	3¼	Gen. Mills	45⅞	43⅞	Schlumber.	109⅞	110
Allis Chalmers	9	9	Gen. Motors	42⅞	41⅞	Scott. Paper	17½	17
Alcoa	37⅞	36⅝	Gen Pub Util N.Y.	13⅞	13⅞	Seaboard Coast	27⅞	27⅞
Amax Inc	42⅝	41	Gen. Tel. El.	20½	20⅞	Seagram	29½	28⅞
Amerada Hess	17⅞	17¾	Gen. Tire	13⅞	13½	Sears Roe.	66	65½
Am. Airlines	9	8¾	Genesco	3⅞	3⅞	Shell Oil	40⅞	40⅞
Am. Brands	38⅝	38	Georgia Pac	30	30⅞	Shell Trans.	21⅞	21⅞
Am. Broadcast	20	19⅝	Getty Oil	145	145	Signal Co	16	16⅞
Am. Can.	31¼	31⅞	Gillette	32⅞	31⅞	Singer	11½	11⅞
Am. Cyan.	29¼	28⅞	Goodrich	18⅞	18⅞	Sony	10⅞	10
Am. El. Power	17	17	Goodyear	18⅞	17⅞	Sth Cal Edison	17½	17½
Am. Home	37½	36½	Gould Inc.	19⅞	19⅞	Southern Pac.	29⅞	29⅞
Am. Motors	5⅜	5⅞	Grace	27⅞	26⅞	Southern Rly.	51	50⅞
Am. Nat. Gas	34	34¾e	Grant W.T.	4½	4⅞	Sperry Rand	35⅞	35⅞
Am. Smelt.	17¼	17⅞	Gt. At. & Pac.	9⅞	9⅞	Squibb	35⅞	35½
Am. Standard	13⅛	13¾	Greyhound	11⅞	11½	Std. Brands	63⅞	61⅞
Am. Tel.	49⅞	49	Grumman Cp.	15½	15⅞	Std. Oil Cal.	25⅞	24⅞
Amf. Inc.	16⅛	16⅝	Gulf Oil	19⅞	19⅞	Std. Oil Ind.	40⅞	39⅞
Anaconda	17⅞	17⅞	Gulf Wn. Ind.	23⅞	34	Std. Oil Ohio	55⅞	57⅞
Armco Steel	30⅝	30½	Heinz H. J.	41⅞	40⅞	Sterling Drug	23⅞	20⅞
Ashland Oil	18⅝	18⅞	Hercules	28	24⅞	Stevens J.P.	12½	12⅞
All. Richfield	83⅝	83¼	Honeywell	29½	28½	Stude Worth	27½	25⅞
Avco	4⅝	4⅝	Illinois Cent Ind	13⅞	13⅞	Sunbeam Cp.	17⅞	17⅞
Avon Prod.	37	35⅞	Ingersoll	77	75⅞	Sundstrand	19⅞	19⅞
Babcock & Wcox	16⅞	16	Inland Steel	39⅞	39⅞	Sun Oil	31⅞	31⅞
Bankers Tst NY	34½	34⅞	I.B.M.	208⅞	200⅞	Teledyne	10⅞	10⅞
Bank of Am.	37 b	36½b	Int. Harv.	23½	23⅞	Tenneco	22⅞	22⅞
Bank of N.Y.	30¼	29⅝	Int. Nickel	26	25	Texaco	24⅞	24½
Beat Fds.	19⅞	19⅝	Int. Paper	41⅞	44⅞	Texas East Trans	25⅞	27⅞
Beet. Dick	35⅞	35⅞	Int. Tel. Tel.	20⅞	20⅞	Texas Inst	94½	91⅞
Bell & Howell	14⅞	14⅝	Jewel Co	24	23⅞	Texas Utilities	19⅞	19
Bendix	31⅝	30½	Jim Walter	35⅞	34⅞	Textron	20⅞	19⅞
Beth. Steel	33⅝	34½	Johns Manv.	20⅞	20⅞	T.W.A.	10⅞	10½
Boeing	20⅝	20⅞	Johnson & John	91⅞	90⅞	Travelers Gp.	21	20⅞
Boise Cascade	17	17	Kaiser Alum.	25⅞	24⅞	T.R.W. Inc.	18	17⅞
Borden	23⅞	22	Kennecott	37⅞	36⅞	U.A.L. Inc.	20⅞	19⅞
Borg Warner	17	16⅞	Kerr McGee	79⅞	78½	Unilever Ltd.	30½	31
Bristol Myers	58	56⅝	Kimb. Clk.	31⅞	30½	Unilever N.V.	45⅞	44
BP	7⅞	8	Kraftco Cp.	38½	38⅞	Unionamerica	2⅞	2⅞
Budd	9⅞	9⅞	Kresge S.S.	26⅞	26⅞	Union Bancorp	5⅞	6⅞
Burl. Ind.	24	23⅞	Kroger	21⅞	21⅞	Union Carb.	60⅞	57⅞
Burlington Nthn	34⅝	33⅞	Ligg. Myer	29⅞	29	Un. Oil Cal.	35⅞	37½
Burroughs	93½	91	L.T.V.	14⅞	14⅞	Un Pacific Corp.	70⅞	69½
Campbell Soup	30⅝	30⅞	Litton	6⅞	6⅞	Uniroyal	8	8
Canadian Pac.	15⅞	15⅞	Lockheed	6⅞	6⅞	United Aircraft	44⅞	43
Caterpillar	63	65⅝	Lucky Stores	13⅞	13⅞	United Brands	6	6
Celanese	31½	29⅞	Magnavox	5⅞	6	Utd Merch & Man	13⅞	13⅞
Central Soya	12⅞	11⅞	Manuf Hanover	33⅞	32½	U.S. Industries	4⅞	4⅞
Charter N.Y.	23⅞	23⅞	Mapco	33⅞	33⅞	U.S. Steel	58⅞	57⅞
Chase Manhat.	32½	32⅞	Marathon Oil	34⅞	33⅞	Wachovia	16⅞	16⅞
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	34⅞	34⅞	Marcor Inc.	24⅞	22⅞	Warner Comm	13⅞	12⅞e
Chesapeake Ohio	34½	34⅞	Marine Mid.	17⅞	17⅞	Warner Lambert	32	30⅞
Chrysler	9⅞	10⅞	Martin Mar.	16	16	Wells Fargo	16½	15⅞
Citicorp	34⅞	33⅞	McDonnell	11⅞	10⅞	West'n Bancorp	21⅞	21⅞
Cities Serv.	38⅞	38	Mead	16	15⅞	Westghs El.	14⅞	13⅞
Clark Equip	30	28½	Merck	74½	74	Weyerhaeuser	33⅞	32⅞
Coca Cola	78⅞	79⅞	Minn. Min.	50⅞	49⅞	Whirlpool	21⅞	23
Colgate	29⅞	28⅞	Mobil Oil	39⅞	39⅞	White Motor	9⅞	8⅞
C.B.S.	45½	44½	Monsanto	59⅞	58⅞	Woolworth	14⅞	14⅞
Columbia Gas	26⅞	26⅞	Morgan J. P.	59⅞	58⅞	Xerox Cp.	70	70½
Comb. Eng	37⅞	37	Motorola	51½	49	Zenith	17⅞	17⅞
Comw. Edison	23⅞	23⅞	NCR Corp	28	28⅞			
Con. Edison	11⅞	11⅞	NL Ind	13⅞	13⅞			
Cons Foods	13⅞	13⅞	Nat. Bisc.	31⅞	30⅞			
Cons Power	14⅞	14⅞	Nat. Distill.	14⅞	14⅞			
Cont. Can.	26	25⅞	Nat. Steel	40½	39⅞			
Cont. Oil	49	48	Norfolk West	66⅞	65⅞			
Control Data	15⅞	14⅞	NW Bancor	38	38			
Corning Glass	46½	44⅞	Norton Simon	18⅞	17½			
C.P.C. Intnl.	40⅞	39⅞	Occ. Pet.	14⅞	13⅞			
Crane	44	43⅞	Ogden	17⅞	17⅞			
Crocker Int	23⅞	23⅞	Olin Corp.	20½	19⅞			
Crown Zeller	33⅞	32⅞	Otis Elev	29½	29½			
Dart Ind.	21⅞	21½	Owens Ill	38	38½			
Deere	39⅞	39½	Pac. Gas. El.	19½	20			
Del Monte	29⅞	29½	Pan. Am.	4⅞	4⅞			
Delta Air	38⅞	38½	Penn. Cent.	1⅞	1⅞			
Detroit Edison	10⅞	10⅞	Penney J C	52⅞	52⅞			
Disney	49⅞	49½	Pennzoil	19	18⅞			
Dow Chem.	77½	75⅞	Pepsico	60½	60⅞			
Dresser Ind.	46⅞	46½	Pet Corp	22½	22			
Duke Power	13½	13½	Pfizer	33⅞	32½			
Du Pont	109⅞	107	Phelps Dod.	35	37⅞			
Eastern Air.	5⅞	5⅞	Philip Mor.	52	49⅞			
East. Kodak	94½	92⅞	Phill. Pet.	43⅞	42⅞			
Eaton Corp.	28⅞	27⅞	Polaroid	29⅞	29⅞			
El Paso G.	12⅞	12	P.P.G. Ind	23⅞	23⅞			
Equitable Life	16⅞	16½	Proc. Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Esmark	29⅞	29⅞	Pub. Ser. El & Gas	14⅞	14⅞			
Evans P. D.	5⅞	5⅞	Pullman	44⅞	44⅞			
Exxon Corp	74	73½	Rapid American	6⅞	6⅞			
Firestone	17⅞	17⅞	Raytheon	37½e	36⅞			
Fst. Chicago	17½	17⅞	RCA Corp	15⅞	16			
Fst. Nt. Boston	28⅞	28	Repub. Steel	33⅞	32⅞			
Fst. Penn Corp	17	17	Reynolds Ind.	54	53			
Ford	37	35⅞	Reynolds Metal	18⅞	18⅞			
G.A.F. Corp.	9⅞	9⅞	Rockwell Int	19⅞	19½			
Gamble Skogmo	24 •	23⅞	Royal Dutch	34⅞	34⅞			
Gen. Dynam.	34⅞	34½	Safeways	44⅞	43½			
Gen. Electric	47⅞	48⅞	St. Regis	23⅞	23⅞			

Canadian Prices

	Apr 9	Apr 8
Abitibi	9	9½
Alcan	19½	19⅞
Alg. Steel	28	27⅞
Asbestos	14⅞a	14½a
Bell Tel.	46½	46⅞
Can. Sup. Oil	32⅞	32
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.60	4.55
Cominco	29⅞	29⅞
Cons. Bat.	22½	22½
Distiller	29½	30
Falconbridge	31½	31
Gulf Oil	29⅞	29⅞
Hawker Can.	5.00	5.00
Hud. Bay Min	17⅞	18
Hud. Bay Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	19⅞	19⅞
Imasco	20⅞	20⅞
Imp. Oil	20⅞	22⅞
Int. Pipe	13⅞	12⅞
Mass-Fergsn.	15⅞	15⅞
Power Cp.	9⅞	9
Price Bros.	13½	13⅞
Royal Trust	22 b	22½
Steel Co.	28	27⅞
Tex. Can.	31⅞	32
Trans. Mnt. Oil	10⅞	10⅞
Walker H.	34½	33½
W.C.T.	21⅞	21⅞

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.3660 ($2.3765); three months, $2.3567 ($2.3488); Canadian dollar, 99.28c (99.47c).

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 781.29 (767.85); transportation, 166.48 (163.10); utilities, 75.54 (76.60). 65 stocks, 241.96 (238.59).

New York Stock Exchange index, 44.48 (43.88); industrials, 49.16 (48.39); transportation, 31.64 (31.15); utilities, 30.17 (30.05); financial, 46.83 (46.22).

Law Report April 10 1975 — Court of Appeal

Renewal of unserved writ required in justice

Howells v Jones

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Browne and Sir John Pennycuick

[Judgment delivered April 9]

The fact that the plaintiff's solicitors had good grounds for believing that the defendant was out of the country, without knowing his address, and that the plaintiff would suffer an injustice if the writ were set aside is good cause for renewing a writ which had not been served.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr William John Howells, of North Llanelly, Glamorgan, against the order of Mr Justice Bristow dismissing his appeal from the order of Master Waldman last July that the renewal of the writ of August 1972, claiming damages for negligent driving against the defendant, Mr Anthony Frederick Jones, formerly of St John's Road, Woking, Surrey, be set aside and the action be dismissed.

Mr John Wood, QC, and Mr Terence Coghlan for the plaintiff; Mr James Fox-Andrews, QC, and Mr John Trench for the defendant.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that on August 16, 1969, the plaintiff, then a guardsman in the Welsh Guards, was struck by a motor vehicle when walking on a road at Pirbright. The driver was the defendant, who was also a guardsman. The plaintiff was severely injured, especially in his leg. The defendant was afterwards convicted of dangerous driving.

The plaintiff remained in the Army for a time until he was discharged on medical grounds in 1970. His claim for damages had been taken up by the Army Legal Aid Service, who had given full details of his claim to the insurers of the defendant. The insurers realized that it was a matter in which there was probably a liability. They had made interim payments of £700 on account under the new Order 29, rule 12 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, the first £300 before the issue of the writ, while denying liability. It appeared reasonably plain that the plaintiff had a good cause of action, subject perhaps to any reduction if he had been guilty of any want of care himself.

On August 11, 1972, the Army legal authorities issued a writ against the defendant for damages for negligence. That would hold valid only if it was served within one year, unless it was renewed. In June, 1973, the Army legal services ceased to conduct the case themselves and handed it over to the defendant's present solicitors in Bridgend. They realized that the writ had to be served by August 11, 1973, unless it was renewed. They wrote to the Cardiff branch of the insurers but received no proper reply.

On August 1, 1973, however, the insurers' London office said that they were not prepared to accept service on the defendant's behalf. They gave the defendant's Service number and his address at the date of the accident, saying that they did not have his present address. The solicitors wrote to the Army authorities asking for the defendant's address. On August 3 the authorities replied that "Corporal Jones . . . is at present out of the country", and notification would be given of his return. So the solicitors applied for the renewal of the writ.

Their affidavit of August 15, 1973, was left with the secretary of Master Elton, who said "Leave to renew 12 months . . . make further application forthwith" and dated it September 4. It was a little uncertain what was meant by the last words, but the order meant that there was 12 months more in which to serve the writ, no doubt on the ground that the defendant was out of the country. But the Army authorities did not get into touch with the solicitors.

The insurance company's solicitors said in February, 1974, that the defendant had been within the jurisdiction all the time and applied to set aside the renewal of the writ on the ground that it had been made without good cause. The master and judge set aside the renewal and there was an appeal. As it stood the action would fail altogether but there had been the interim payments.

It seemed to his Lordship that the plaintiff's solicitors were acting very responsibly. They were misled by the letter from the Army authorities. There must have been a mistake involving another Guardsman Jones. His Lordship expected that there were several of them. It was difficult to say that the solicitors were negligent.

Was there good cause for the renewal of the writ? The fact that the defendant was reasonably believed to be out of the country was a good cause for the renewal of the writ: see Lord Goddard in Battersby v Anglo-American Oil Co Ltd ([1945] 1 KB 23, 32). Twelve months might be a long time, but that was for the master. The court looked at the relative hardship to the parties and whether the plaintiff would fail altogether or would have a remedy over against his own solicitor: see Allen v Sir Alfred McAlpine and Sons Ltd ([1968] 2 QB 229, 261, 269). The plaintiff would suffer an injustice if the writ were set aside. Justice would be far better attained by allowing its renewal. There was good cause for renewal.

The appeal should be allowed, the orders made by the master and judge set aside, and the renewal of the writ and subsequent service should stand.

Lord Justice Browne and Sir John Pennycuick agreed.

Solicitors: Rutland and Crauford for Walter P. David & Snape, Bridgend; Church, Adams, Tatham & Co, for Dolmans, Cardiff.

Contractors' duty to notify board

Lait v A. A. King (Contractors) Ltd and Others

Before Mr Justice May

The existence of cellar plates or coal holes in the pavement was sufficient notice to building contractors of the shallow depth at which electricity cables might have been laid in the area, and their failure to inquire of the electricity board whether they could safely carry out their operations was a breach of the duty of care.

His Lordship held that the plaintiff, Mr Thomas Lait, aged 60, a saviour, was entitled to recover damages against the first defendants, A. A. King (Contractors) Ltd, and the third defendants, Pitchers Ltd, now in liquidation, for personal injuries suffered in an explosion in Malden Road, Kentish Town, London, in 1969 when a pneumatic drill being used by an employee of the contractors touched an electricity cable belonging to the second defendants, the London Electricity Board.

Mr Colin Smith for Mr Lait; Mr Paul Miller for the contractors; Mr Crawford Lindsay for the electricity board; Mr Keith Topley for Pitchers.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in 1965 Camden London Borough Council gave permission to Pitchers, who were carrying out development in Malden Road, to remove a portion of the pavement and to construct a temporary cross-road linking the construction site with the road. After the work had been completed the council engaged Kings as contractors to reinstate the pavement, and they employed Mr Lait to break up the damaged pavement.

On the day of the accident Mr Lait went over to the cross-road where an employee of the contractors was breaking up the concrete with a pneumatic drill. Suddenly there was a flash, due to the drill having struck an electricity cable, and Mr Lait received burns to his arms, scalp and eyelids, for which he was treated in hospital.

The cable was installed in about 1955. Although normally the board placed cables to a depth of 18in, those in the pavement were only 8in or 10in deep. They could not be laid any deeper because the houses in the road originally had cellars or coal houses under the pavement.

The cables, unless protected, were a potential danger and trap to workers on the roadway. The board had, therefore, covered them with steel plates, but Pitchers had damaged the plates when they constructed the cross-road and had not told the board about it, although they knew that the pavement would be reinstated. Pitchers, therefore, were guilty of a serious degree of negligence, which was the major cause of Mr Lait's accident.

The other cause was the contractors' failure to inquire whether there was a possibility of interference with cables.

It would be an overwhelming burden on statutory undertakings if the court were to hold that highway contractors should give notice to them each time the surface was to be broken into. But it would be wrong as well as misleading to lay down hard and fast rules as to when notice should or should not be given. The question must always depend on such facts as the type of work, site and risks of the particular case.

In the present case there were cellar plates or coal holes sufficiently close to the cross-road to have put the contractors on inquiry. Their failure to inform the board of their operations was a cause of the accident.

On the evidence the board bore no part of the blame for the accident.

Damages of £1,440 were awarded to Mr Lait as to one quarter against the contractors and three quarters against Pitchers.

Solicitors; Davies, Topping & Watkins; Ingledew, Brown, Bennison & Garrett; Herbert Smith & Co; Davies, Arnold & Cooper.

Rowntree Mackintosh

Preliminary Announcement

53 weeks ended 4th January 1975

		1974 £'000		1973 £'000
Turnover		252,112		204,779
Trading Profit		23,216		16,927
Interest paid less Investment Income		8,564		4,875
Profit before Taxation		14,652		12,052
Taxation (See Note 1)		7,893		5,764
Profit after Taxation		6,759		6,288
Minority Interests and Preference Dividends		1,027		1,125
Profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders before Extraordinary Items		5,732		5,163
Extraordinary Items (1974 add, 1973 deduct)		580		21,807
		6,312		(16,644)
Ordinary Dividends				
Interim 1·18p per share (1973 1·125p)	425		405	
Proposed Final 3·07p per share (1973 2·50p)	1,105		900	
		1,530		1,305
Added to Reserves (1973 deducted)		4,782		(17,949)

Notes 1 Taxation has been charged at normal rates of tax on the profits of the year. Tax relief on losses of the previous year amounting to £3,974,000 has been credited against extraordinary items.

2 Other extraordinary items consist of provisions against quoted investments (£1,642,000) and loans (£243,000) and adjustment on revaluation of overseas currencies (£1,509,000).

3 Earnings per share amount to 15·9p in 1974 compared with 14·3p in 1973, calculated on the profit before extraordinary items attributable to the Ordinary Shareholders.

Subject to shareholders approval, the proposed final dividend of 3·07p per share will be paid on 10th July 1975 to Ordinary Shareholders registered at the close of business on 13th June 1975.

Summary of Funds Employed

	1974 £'000	1973 £'000
Use of Funds		
Fixed Assets	72,125	73,998
Goodwill	4,505	4,506
Investments	1,250	2,929
Stocks and Debtors less Creditors	38,590	31,339
	116,541	112,772
Provided by		
Share Capital	20,684	20,684
Reserves	34,884	30,202
Loan Capital	22,092	18,305
Bank Overdrafts and Short Term Loans, less Cash	29,294	35,029
Minority Interests	8,648	8,217
Deferred Taxation	829	335
	116,541	112,772

Extracts from the Chairman's statement

I am glad to report that the Rowntree Mackintosh Group had a good year in 1974. This was achieved through the diligent efforts of very many people around the world and particularly those who had to carry the heavy burden of decision-making in severe and uncertain business conditions.

Sales turnover at over £250m was 23% up on 1973. Trading and pre-tax profits were the highest in the Group's history. The proportion of sales and profit from outside the UK was larger than in previous years.

The Group's net year-end borrowings have been reduced and the proportion of longer-term money within the total borrowings has been increased. Capital and reserves have been restored to the end-1972 level.

These results are a consequence of strength of the Group's brands and the loyalty of consumers throughout the world. Throughout 1974, the policy of applying considerable resources of people and finance to the maintenance and development of this brand strength was continued.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Profit and Loss Account
The composition of sales in 1974 and the previous year is as follows:—

	1974 £m	1974 %	1973 £m	1973 %
EEC (other than UK)	52	21	37	18
Australia, Canada and South Africa	48	19	40	20
Exports to Other Areas	13	5	11	5
Non-UK	113	45	88	43
UK	139	55	117	57
	252	100	205	100

Pre-tax profit at £14·7m was an increase of 22% on the previous year. Pre-tax profit margin as a percentage of sales was 5·81% compared with 5·89% in the previous year.

In arriving at pre-tax profit, the deduction for interest (less investment income) was £8·6m compared with £4·9m in the previous year. This very substantial increase is the result not only of the significantly larger average borrowings throughout the whole year in 1974, but also of the higher level of interest rates.

Taxation has been dealt with in the same manner as in the 1973 accounts; a notional charge at normal rates has been made against the profits of the year and credit has been taken in extraordinary items for the taxation relief available. In the Profit and Loss Account, relief has now been taken for the whole of the tax losses available. In cash flow terms there remains to be offset against future tax payments some £8m at current rates of tax.

Balance Sheet
Gross expenditure on fixed assets was £6·8m; this compares with £8·5m in 1973 and the 1974 depreciation charge of £5·4m. The budgeted gross expenditure for 1975 is of the order of £9m.

Net working capital rose by £8m, made up of Stocks (+£11m), Debtors (+£6m), less Creditors (+£9m). These figures reflect the very high rate of inflation in the cost of every form of material and service used by the Group and the higher value of sales. Creditors include £2m of VAT; as the tax was reintroduced during the year, there was no comparable figure in 1973.

As a result of the positive cash flow and the strenuous and successful efforts to hold down the increase in working capital, it was possible to reduce net Group year-end borrowings by £2m. Net short-term borrowings fell by almost £6m consequent upon the increase in the proportion of longer-term money within the total borrowings.

Dividend
I told you in my Statement last year that it was the Board's intention to restore last year's reduction of dividend as soon as possible. I am glad that this year's good results permit a significant move in that direction. The Board is recommending a final dividend of 3.07p per share making a total of 4.25p compared with 3.625p last year. The Treasury has indicated that it will consent to this increase.

OPERATIONS

United Kingdom
The Group had another good year in the UK with confectionery sales turnover up by 28% and volume close to the record level of 1973. Particularly good progress was made by Kit Kat and Quality Street both of which achieved the highest sales figures – in volume and value – in their long history.

The Grocery Division showed satisfactory progress.

The Transport and Distribution Division played an important part in UK operations by maintaining a high standard of delivery to customers.

Overseas
In Europe sales turnover in local currency terms increased by 30%, against a background of fierce competition and strict price control in some countries.

The South African, Canadian and Australian companies' results were very good and together they showed an increase in profits of 34% on the 1973 figures.

Export sales rose by 32%, and profits were again a record.

For the first time, over half the Group's pre-tax profit was earned abroad.

Supply
During 1974, there were very sharp movements in cocoa prices and new 'highs' were seen during the summer. We had a satisfactory cover and price situation throughout the year and this has been maintained. The Group did not find it appropriate to use the cocoa terminal market, its usefulness in fixing the prices of future deliveries of the quality required having been diminished by the large and variable premiums on conversion of terminal into physical contracts.

Sugar supply and pricing was a serious preoccupation in 1974 – particularly in the UK. The coincidence of high world prices, poor sugar beet crops and the with-holding of supplies to the UK by Commonwealth producers, led to extremely uncertain conditions and the UK controlled price rose from just over £100 per ton to over £280 per ton. Fortunately, we were able to supplement UK supplies and meet our full requirements by timely purchases of European sugar.

Many other materials, particularly packaging, were in short supply and the trend of prices was steadily upward throughout the year. Against this background, and having regard to the pressures to hold down stocks and contain working capital increases, a special tribute is due to all concerned with supply matters.

OUTLOOK

With the satisfactory results of 1974 behind us, we look to 1975 with confidence but with a real awareness of the uncertainties inherent in the present economic and social environment. For example, it is not certain that the consumer will continue to accept the large increases in price which a short time ago would have caused sharp reductions in consumption. In the UK there is some evidence of action by retailers to reduce stocks; it is not yet certain whether this is a temporary response to working capital requirements. Nor is there any degree of certainty about the amount by which purchasing power in various economies will be reduced by unemployment. The trend of raw material costs appears to have stabilised but there would have to be a significant reduction to offset the large increases in wages and salaries in some countries.

The referendum on the EEC now pending introduces a further area of uncertainty into future planning. Although our established operations in the Community provide a considerable safeguard, withdrawal from the EEC would be disadvantageous to the Group, particularly in relation to our export trade.

It is not therefore appropriate, at this stage, to make a forecast, and we expect in 1975 to have to operate with a much shorter time horizon and certainly on a more flexible basis than in previous years.

However, the Group's range of products is wide, covering items of both low and high unit value, and the strength of the Group's brands is great. We would expect, therefore, to obtain our appropriate share of consumer purchasing power – and indeed our 1975 plans are for a continuation of our steady growth in that share at home and overseas, and for a profit which we believe will be satisfactory in the prevailing conditions.

Donald Barron.

—Confectionery—
KIT KAT ★ QUALITY STREET ★ SMARTIES ★ POLO ★ BLACK MAGIC ★ GOOD NEWS ★ ROWNTREE'S PASTILLES
AFTER EIGHT ★ WEEK-END ★ AERO ★ ROLO ★ DAIRY BOX ★ TOFFO ★ MATCHMAKERS ★ JELLYTOTS ★ WALNUT WHIPS

—Grocery—
BLUE RIBAND ★ CREAMOLA ★ PAN YAN PICKLES ★ TABLE JELLIES ★ SUN-PAT NUTS ★ BREAKAWAY ★ CHEDDAR SPREAD

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Lamson give warning of setback

Shares of the Lamson Industries Group, now a subsidiary of the Moore Corp of Canada, weakened yesterday following the statement by Mr B. Pearce, the chairman at the annual meeting. Mr Pearce said the group could not expect to maintain last year's earnings level this term, partly because of a fall in demand for group products in most world markets. The group's current objectives were to maximize profits through cost reductions and other measures.

Overseas trading profits last year constituted some 75 per cent of the group's record profit of £12.98m—which was an increase of 64 per cent over the previous term. United Kingdom profits rose only 7 per cent on turnover 33 per cent higher, but the increase overseas was 100 per cent on turnover up 42 per cent.

Wm Jacks back in profit

After its ill-fated German venture which cost the group dearly, William Jacks moved back into profit in the first half to December 31. The chairman says that so far in the current half-year the group is trading profitably. In the half-year pretax profits were £241,000, compared with £326,000 for the previous 18-month period. The preference dividend is being passed until the group has recovered its capital base.

Western Mining plans $25m Euro-issue

The latest group to make a Eurodollar issue is Western Mining Corporation. It plans to issue $25m notes dated 1982, through an international syndicate managed by Schroders, First Boston (Europe), Société Générale de Banque, and Swiss Bank Corp (Overseas).

Good start by IPH after 1973-74 losses

To offset a 1973-74 loss of £1.3m (against a profit of £782,000) the Intereuropean Property Holdings, formerly the Laurie Marsh Group, reserves of £875,000 were brought forward, and after a surplus of £3.4m over cost on restatement of French properties at valuation, the group had a disposable balance of almost £3m.

In the first half to January 31 pre-tax profits were £483,000 after interest charges of £654,000. Recent reduction in interest levels with benefits from Classic Cinema reorganization give the board confidence for full year results. The interim dividend as known is 1.5p, and the board are considering a scrip option.

Brit Aluminium has hard task

The economic and market uncertainties facing the British Aluminium Company are described by Mr B. Kellett as formidable, but he thinks the group can cope with them. The main concern is to operate group smelters without interruption and so make full economic use of the large investment here.

The accounts include a summary of the group's position adjusted to account for inflation, and this shows the need to spend on average £7.1m a year to replace its capital equipment at present levels, compared with a depreciation charge of only £3.3m used in historical calculations.

This supports the board's case for increasing borrowings.

BOURNE & HOLLINGSWORTH

After taking into account a loss on the sale of securities of £23,000 against £631 Bourne & Hollingsworth, the Oxford Street departmental stores returned a pretax profit increased from £414,000 to £586,000 for the year to February 13. Turnover rose from £6m to £7.35m and from earnings up from 2.26p to 2.97p the board are raising the total dividend from 3.3p to 4.28p with a final payment of 2.42p. The company is a "close" company.

VISCOSE DEVELOPMENT

Taxable profit, £434,000 (£519,000). Dividend is 13.92 (13.64p) gross on net profit, £219,000 (£267,000).

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	10½%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank ..	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
Shenley Trust ..	12 %
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 7¼%, up to £25,000 7¾%, over £25,000 8¼%.

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1974-75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	42	—	3.0	7.1	4.7
117	90	Henry Sykes	117	—	4.9	4.2	7.5
61	29	Twinlock Ord	33	—	0.8	2.6	7.7
60	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	60	—	12.0	20.0	—

Commodities

COPPER.—Wire bars were steady, quiet; cathodes were steady.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £562-63.00 a metric ton; three months, £580-81.00. Sales, 2,975 tons. Cash cathodes, £552.50-53.00; three months, £571-71.00. Sales, 1,750 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £562.50-63.00; three months, £580.50-81.00. Settlement, £563.00. Sales, 8,250 tons. Cash cathodes, £552-52.50; three months, £570-70.50. Settlement, £552.50. Sales, 600 tons.

SILVER closed firmer yesterday.—Spot, Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 174.00p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 412.5); three months, 178.10p (417.3c); six months, 182.9p (425.1c); one-year, 193.0p (437.2c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 175.1-76.2p; three months, 178.8-80.0p; seven months, 184.5-85.5p. Sales, 85 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 174.2-4.5p; three months, 178.3-78.5p; seven months, 183.5-84.0p. Settlement, 174.5p. Sales, 15 lots.

TIN.—Both standard metal and high-grade were firmer yesterday.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,015-18 a metric ton; three months, £3,042-45. Sales, 105 tons. High grade, cash, £3,015-18; three months, £3,042-50. Sales, 100 tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,005-£3,007; three months, £3,027-30. Settlement, £3,007. Sales, 410 tons. High grade, cash, £3,005-7; three months, £3,027-32. Settlement, £3,007. Sales, 80 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM950¼ a picul.

LEAD was quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash, £203-3.50 a metric ton; three months, £197.50-98.00. Sales, 275 tons. Morning.—Cash, £201-5.00; three months, £198.50-99.00. Settlement, £205.00. Sales, 3,525 tons.

ZINC was steady, quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash, £330-30.50 a metric ton; three months, £327.50-27.75. Sales, 675 tons. Morning.—Cash, £330-30.50; three months, 326.50-27.00. Settlement, £330.50. Sales, 1,950 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM rose by 25p yesterday to £60.75-£63.75 ($143-$148) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, April/May, £244.00; "D" grade, April/May, £234.00 per long ton. Calcutta steady.—Indian, April/May, Rs440; Dundee Daisee, April/May, Rs390 per bale of 400lb.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were very steady.—May, 156.0-59.0p per kilo; July, 159.0-61.0p; Oct, 166.0-68.0p; Dec, 168.0-69.0p; March, 173.0-75.0p; May, 173.5-76.0p; July, 176.0-78.0p; Oct, 178.0-79.0p. Sales: 151 lots.

Bradford.—Wool has cost more at this week's auctions and similar or even larger cost increases are experienced in the South American market, which remains very important to Bradford topmakers.

Top quotations are up quite sharply by three or four pence per kilogram for merinos, sometimes more for crossbreds. The price increase has not been caused or accompanied by a significant increase in demand. Wool imports are flowing freely again now the docks dispute is over. Top quotations in pence per kilogram: 64s warp 176; 60s super 160; 58s super 152; 56s super 123; 50s carded 118; 48s carded 116.

RUBBER closed hesitant.—May, 27.10-27.50p per kilo; June, 27.50-28.00p; July/Sept, 28.20-28.40p; Oct/Dec, 29.65-29.70p; Jan/March, 30.75-30.80p; April/June, 31.45-31.65p; July/Sept, 32.25-32.40p; Oct/Dec, 32.85-33.10p; Jan/March, 33.20-33.45p. Sales: one lot at five tonnes and 10 lots of 15 tonnes each.

RUBBER PHYSICALS close slightly easier.—Spot, 26.00-27.35p. Cifs: May, 25.80-26.00p; June, 26.50-26.60p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF.—Scotch killed sides, 36.0-39.0p per lb; English hindquarters, 44.0-46.0p; English forequarters, 26.0-28.0p; Eire hindquarters, 45.0-46.0p; Eire forequarters, 26.0-27.5p.

VEAL.—English bobbies, 10.0-14.0p; Scotch bobbies, 9.0-12.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 60.0-64.0p.

LAMB.—English small new season, 44.0-50.0p; English medium new season, 44.0-48.0p; English heavy new season, 42.0-44.0p.

Imported frozen: NZD's 30.0-30.5p; NZ2's, 29.0-29.5p; NZ8's, 28.0-29.0p; NZYL's, 29.0-30.0p.

HOGGETS.—English, 30.0-36.0p; English, 10.0p; Scotch, 30.0-34.0p.

EWES.—13.0-15.0p.

PORK.—English, under 100lb, 27.0-33.0p; 100-120lb, 27.0-32.5p; 120-160lb, 27.0-31.0p; 160-180lb, 26.0-28.0p; 180lb and over, 23.0-25.0p.

*Special quotations—very high quality produce in limited supply.

COFFEE.—Yesterday Robusta futures drifted lower under scattered dealer-liquidation in the afternoon and the market closed slightly easier and showing an on-balance movement of £1.5 per tonne either way.

ROBUSTAS.—May, £420.0-21.0 a metric ton; July, £410.5-11.0; Sept, £409.0-09.5; Nov, £411.0-11.5; Jan, £413.8-14.0; March, £416.5-16.0; May, £415.0-21.0. Sales: 152 lots, including 15 options.

ARABICAS were quiet.—April, $51.50-53.00 per 50 kilos; June, $54.70-54.90; Aug, $56.50-56.70; Oct, $56.90-57.00; Dec, $57.40-57.80; Feb, $57.90-58.50; April, $58.80-59.50; sales, 16 lots.

Coffee producers set up ICA working group: the world's coffee producers yesterday set up a six-nation working group to study a Brazilian-Colombian proposal on the structure of a new International Coffee Agreement (ICA), informed sources said in London.

Robusta and other milds producers met separately yesterday to consider their own views of the plan and appointed two representatives to sit in the working group. The group comprises Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, El Salvador, Ivory Coast, and Portugal.

The producers are in London for private talks on a new ICA before meeting consumers next week to begin negotiations with them on a new agreement.

COCOA futures were reasonably well held on currency hedging at mid-afternoon yesterday, achieving new "highs" for the day in most positions.

But the market finally came under modest pressure from long liquidation, new short-selling and jobber-orders. The close was at about the session's "lows" with prices unchanged to £2.50 per tonne down on balance. The tone was barely steady.

May, £608.0-08.5 a metric ton; July, £593.0-92.5; Sept, £561.5-62.0; Nov, Dec, £571.0-73.0; March, £567.0-67.5; May, £564.0-65.0; July, £563.0-65.0; sales, 2,406 lots, including eight options. ICO prices, daily, 59.60c; 15-day average, 61.61c; 22-day, 63.13c.

SUGAR futures moved higher after lunch on trade-buying but there was no follow-through interest and mixed selling and profit-taking later reversed the trend. By the close values moved back to about end morning levels and showed on-balance gains of £1.50 to £5.05 in sales of 2,786 lots.

The London daily price was reduced by £5.00 on tone to £255.00 a long ton yesterday. May, £630.00-40.00 a long ton; Aug, £621.00-21.50; Oct, £5?5.50-07.00; Dec, £197.50-07.00; March, £191.35-00.00; May, £186.50-87.25; Aug, £181.00-82.00. Sales: 2,786 lots. ISA prices, daily, 21.05c; 17-day average, 24.71c.

SOYABEAN MEAL futures moved higher yesterday morning following a steadier overnight close in Chicago and market reports of some offtake in physicals on the Continent yesterday morning at slightly higher levels.

Later in the day gains were pared when profit-taking was attracted by the firmer levels, but prices still finished 40 to 90 points up on balance.

Aug, £70.20-70.30 a metric ton; Oct, £72.20-73.30; Dec, £73.30-73.40; Feb, £74.70-74.80; April, £75.50-75.60; June, £76.20-76.40; Aug, £76.30-76.90. Sales, 166 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring, No 2, 14 per cent, May, £82.75; June, £81.15; July, £81.05, trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French, April, £51.00; May, £52.25; June, £55.50, trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY.—EEC feed: April, £49.00; May, £49.00; June, £50.50, east coast. All a long ton, cif UK unless stated.

MARK LANE.—The nearby market for denaturable wheat was a shade firmer yesterday and London paid £49.50 per long ton for current deliveries. July positions traded into East Anglia at from £52.75 to £53 per long ton. The following are average sellers' quotations in sterling per long ton for delivery, London area. Wheat milling, May/June, £53.50. Denaturable, April £50; May/June, £52. Barley feed, April, £52.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY, steady.—May, £49.90; Sept, £53.45; Nov, £55.50; Jan, £57.55; March, £5?.55. WHEAT, steady.—May, £50.50; Sept, £55.50; Nov, £57.85; Jan, £60.10; March, £62.10. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—Feeding BARLEY.—Cambridge, £48.50.

Sugar producers to form pricing body

Latin American and Caribbean sugar producers will meet later this month to establish a permanent organization aimed at protecting the price of their product, the Mexican Sugar Board reports.

The meeting of 21 countries, including Cuba, will take place in Puerto Plata, the Dominican Republic, from April 21 to 25, the board said.—Reuter.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Finance for Ind 13¼% Ln (£99½p)	£26½-¼
Kellock 10p Cnv Units	32
Lincoln Corp 13% 1980 (£99)	£31½
Mid Kent Wtr 10% Rd Pf (†)	£101¼
Mid Southern Wtr 10% 1980 (†b)	£12¼
Southend 12¾% 1981 (£99½a)	£44¾
Sth Staffs Wtr 10% Rd Pf (†)	£102½
Sutton Wtr 10% Rd Pf 1980 (†)	£102¾
Warwickshire 12¾% 1980 (£99½b)	£10¼-¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Barratt Dev (80‡)	May 23	33 prem
Beatobell (88)	May 9	107+3
Bridon (85)	May 16	117+1
Cons Gold Fields (185‡)	May 16	22 prem
EMI (60)	May 2	106
General Mining (R32‡)	May 2	10 prem
Guardian Ryl (138)	May 2	155+2
Macpherson, D. (25‡)	May 16	5½ prem
Midland Bank (215)	May 2	215
RTZ (135)	May 2	134+1
Sketchley Ord (38)	May 16	49½
Steetley (90‡)	May 22	7 prem
Unigate (39†)	May 8	43+2

Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £30 paid. f £40 paid.

Foreign Exchange

Pound closes down 145 points

Sterling tumbled to its worst levels for three months on foreign exchanges yesterday as many operators, influenced by a strong dollar advance, switched out of pounds ahead of the Budget.

At one stage the pound lost almost 1¾ cents against the dollar as it plunged from last Wednesday night's $2.3770 to $2.3600—its weakest level since mid-January.

Later the pound rallied to close at $2.3625, with a net loss of 145 points. Its devaluation against the world's major currencies, since December, 1971, widened from 21.8 to 21.9 per cent.

The dollar's sharp rise started earlier this week on hopes that prime rates would rise and the American economy was on the path to recovery.

German marks dropped to 2.3900 to the dollar, from 2.3690 overnight before rallying to a final 2.3885.

Gold fell 50 cents an ounce to $172.50.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) April 10	Market rates (close) April 10
New York	$2.3600-3740	$2.3620-3630
Montreal	$2.3770-3860	$2.3800-3810
Amsterdam	5.73¼-75¼fl	5.74¼-75¼fl
Brussels	83.10-60f	83.50-70f
Copenhagen	13.12-23k	13.13¼-14¼k
Frankfurt	5.63¾-65¾m	5.64-65m
Lisbon	58.00-60e	58.30-50e
Madrid	133.00-80p	133.05-25p
Milan	1560-67lr	1560-62lr
Oslo	11.75¾-80¼k	11.77¼-78¼k
Paris	9.99½-10.05¾f	10.00¾-01¼f
Stockholm	9.42-43k	9.43¼-44¼k
Tokyo	687-94y	689-91y
Vienna	39.70-40.20sch	39.90-40.10sch
Zurich	6.06½-09¼f	6.07½-08¼f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 up 8.1 to 21.9.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	1.10-1.00c prem	3.00-2.90c prem
Montreal	1.10-1.00c prem	3.30-3.20c prem
Amsterdam	2¼-1¼c prem	8¼-7¼c prem
Brussels	25-15c prem	85-75c prem
Copenhagen	1½ ore prem-1½ ore disc	4¼-1¼ ore prem
Frankfurt	4-3pf prem	12-11pf prem
Lisbon	60c prem-50c disc	130c prem-40c disc
Milan	2-5lr disc	5-8lr disc
Oslo	2¼-5¼ ore disc	2-6ore disc
Paris	par-5c disc	3-1c prem
Stockholm	1ore prem-1ore disc	3ore prem-par
Vienna	30gro prem-par	65-35gro prem
Zurich	4-3c prem	11¼-10¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), 98.9921-24.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5¼-5¾; seven days, 5¼-5¾; one month, 6-6¾; three months, 6¾-7¼; six months, 7¼-8¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $173.00 (an ounce); pm, $172.50.

Krugerrand (per coin): $177-179 (£75-75½). Sovereigns (old), $53-54½ (£22½-23); (new), $55½-57 (£23½-24¼).

Discount market

A surplus of credit in the discount market was largely "mopped up" yesterday by Bank of England sales of a small amount of Treasury bills to the discount houses. Up to £20m was involved in the intervention, it was estimated.

Rates for overnight "secured" call loans closed in a low, broad range of 5-6 per cent, down from an opening of 8-8½ per cent and a mid-session range of 6-7 per cent. The low closing rate indicated some of the surplus was left unabsorbed.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10%
(Last changed 21/3/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10¼-10½%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 9 Close 6
Week Fixed: 9½-9¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅞	2 months	9¾
3 months	9¾	3 months	9⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9⅞-9¾	3 months	11
3 months	9¾-9⅝	4 months	11¼
4 months	9⅝-9½	6 months	11½
6 months	9⅝-9½		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-10¼	7 months	11¼-10¾
2 months	10¼-10¼	8 months	11¼-10¾
3 months	10¼-10¼	9 months	11¼-10¾
4 months	10¼-10¼	10 months	11¼-10¾
5 months	10¼-10¼	11 months	11¼-10¾
6 months	10¼-10¼	12 months	11¼-10¾

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	8¾-8⅝	6 months	10-9¾
3 months	9⅝-9½	12 months	10¼-10⅛

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	8¼-8¾	3 months	9¾-9½
7 days	8¾-9¼	6 months	10
1 month	9	1 year	11¼

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 8¼-9 Close 6

1 week	8½-9¼	6 months	10-9¾
1 month	9-8¾	9 months	10¼
3 months	9¾-9⅝	12 months	10¾-10⅝

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt Rates)
3 months 10 6 months 10½

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

The Associated Biscuit Manufacturers Limited

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HUNTLEY & PALMERS · JACOB · PEEK FREAN · O P CHOCOLATE

Preliminary Audited Results for the year ended 31st December 1974

	1974 £000	1973 £000
Sales – U.K. Biscuit, wafer and confectionery manufacture	79,225	58,046
U.K. Packaging and light engineering	2,785	2,341
Overseas Companies	37,245	28,555
Share of Associate	2,912	2,406
	122,167	91,348
Trading Profit – U.K. Biscuit, wafer and confectionery manufacture	4,978	4,232
U.K. Packaging and light engineering	278	123
Overseas companies including loss of Australian subsidiary £377,000 (1973 £333,000)	2,028	1,862
	7,284	6,217
Other income less charges	165	266
Interest payable	(1,126)	(882)
	6,323	5,601
Share of profit of Associate	188	299
Profit before taxation and extraordinary items	6,511	5,900
Taxation – U.K.	2,446	2,081
Overseas	1,197	1,016
Profit after taxation but before extraordinary items	2,868	2,803
Minority interest and preference dividends	369	373
	2,499	2,430
Extraordinary items (see note below)	(893)	85
Profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	1,606	2,515
Dividends – Interim paid 5.6% (1973 5.6%)	373	373
Final proposed 6.46% (1973 5.36%)	431	358
Retained profit for the year	802	1,784
Earnings per share before extraordinary items	7.5p	7.3p

NOTE: Extraordinary items for 1974 include a provision for loss on sale of Peek Frean (Australia) Pty. Limited of £263,000; a provision for loss on sale of the interest in Chocolat Tobler Meltis Limited of £286,000; and a provision against a quoted trade investment of £255,000.

Sales and pre-tax profits both exceeded last year: Sales at £122 million were 34 per cent up and pre-tax profits at £6.5 million were 10 per cent up.

Dividend: Final of 6.46 per cent making a total of 12.06 per cent which is the maximum permitted.

BISCUIT DIVISION:
Home: Despite higher selling prices sales volume increased marginally and likewise we enlarged our sterling share of the U.K. market.
Export: An excellent year. Sales were up 60 per cent at £6.6 million.

CHOCOLATE & SPECIALITY DIVISION: Again showed increases in sales, profit and volume both in home and export markets.

LIGHT ENGINEERING DIVISION: Huntley Boorne & Stevens' profits continued to improve, with the best results since the factory moved to Woodley.

CHOCOLAT TOBLER MELTIS: As announced A.B.M. has disposed of its 50 per cent interest in this Company to Interfood S.A. A.B.M. will continue to distribute C.T.M.'s products and sell Toblerone.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION: Peek Frean (Australia) Pty. Limited continued to make losses and has been sold for a nominal consideration. The remainder of the Division continued to trade satisfactorily.

Current Trading. It is encouraging that most ingredient prices are currently below the highs of 1974. In the first two months of this year improved margins have resulted in an increased trading profit in spite of a lower volume of sales, but the results for the full year will inevitably be determined to a large extent by general economic factors.

RIGHTS ISSUE

The Directors have decided to make a rights issue on the basis of 4 new Ordinary Shares for every 15 Ordinary or 'A' Ordinary Shares held by shareholders on the register at the close of business on 14th April 1975. The issue price is 33p per share payable in full on acceptance not later than Friday, 16th May 1975. The new Ordinary Shares when fully paid will rank *pari passu* with the existing Ordinary Shares except that they will not rank for the final dividend of 1.29p per share (net of associated tax credit) recommended in respect of the year ended 31st December 1974. The issue has been underwritten by Kleinwort, Benson Limited and the brokers to the issue are Hoare & Co. Govett Limited. Due to inflation over the last two years the factory modernisation programme is now estimated to cost some £4.6 million compared to an original estimate of £4 million. In addition, the Group's requirements for working capital have increased considerably – by some £9 million in 1974. In the light of these changed circumstances the Board has concluded that it would be wise to raise permanent finance by way of an equity issue to fund part of this increased cash requirement rather than to rely on extended overdrafts. Discussions are also taking place with Finance Corporation for Industry Limited with a view to financing a further part of the modernisation programme by way of a medium-term loan.

Copies of the 1974 Report and Accounts, containing the full Statement of the Chairman Mr. Richard P. Carr may be had on request from the Secretary, The Associated Biscuit Manufacturers Limited, 121 Kings Road, Reading RG1 3DE.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

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Insurance Bonds and Funds

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Offshore and International Funds

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* Ex dividend. ° Not available to the general public. + Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (8) April 25. (9) April 22. (10) April 30. (14) May 1. (15) April 23. (16) April 15. (18) May 19. (19) April 24. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 1st Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb. May. Aug. Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month.

Stock Exchange Prices

Equities steady

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, April 7. Dealings End, April 18. § Contango Day, April 21. Settlement Day, April 29.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

1974/75 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield

BRITISH FUNDS

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Premium Dollar Premium ... Conversion Factor 0.5985.

FOREIGN STOCKS

DOLLAR STOCKS

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
178	48	AAH	103	..	12.0	11.7	5.3
107	32	AB Electronic	62	..	6.1	10.2	3.3
48	26	AC Cars	42	..	1.3	3.1	16.2
84	43	AD Intl	71	-1	3.3	4.6	7.2
68	15	AGB Research	39	..	3.1	7.9	6.6
200	88	APV Hldgs	153	-2	13.0	7.1	6.9
50	21	AVP Ind	51	..	3.2n	6.3	4.9
80	13	Aaronson Bros	38	..	2.2	6.2	9.3
50	14	Abbey Panels	28	..	4.0	15.4	2.8
103½	40	Acrow	63	..	5.2b	8.3	10.0
74½	23½	Do A	48	-1	5.2b	10.9	7.6
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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

SHIPPING

MINES

OIL

PROPERTY

RUBBER

TEA

MISCELLANEOUS

* Adjusted for ... ex dividend. e Ex all. ... † Ex capital distribution. ... Ex rights. ... Ex scrip or share split. ... Price adjusted for late dealings.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

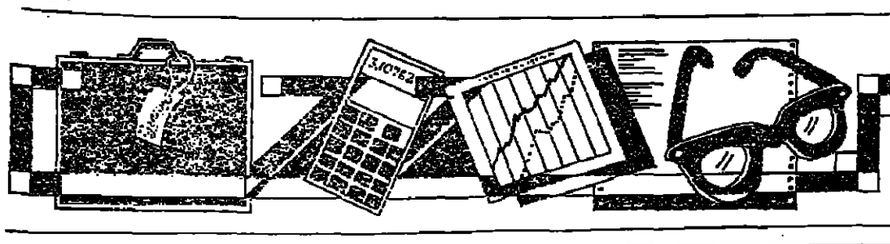
The Times Share Indices for 10.04.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1964):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	119.49	7.66	16.91	119.93
Largest Cos.	118.33	7.62	16.09	117.77
Smaller Cos.	123.98	8.10	15.80	123.52
Capital Goods	122.60	7.95	16.51	122.74
Consumer Goods	130.74	7.46	14.29	129.75
Store Shares	110.27	6.19	5.90	109.34
Largest financial shares	152.82	6.22	—	152.50
Largest financial and industrial shares	124.73	7.27	—	124.04
Commodity shares	237.60	4.55	35.42	185.87
Gold Mining shares	576.16	5.77	3.53	554.02
Industrial debenture stocks	77.07	7.38*	—	77.27
Industrial preference stocks	52.06	13.32*	—	52.26
3½% War Loan	24	14.06*	—	24¼

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	209.47 (15.02.73)	60.16 (12.12.74)
1975	128.69 (06.03.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.16 (12.12.74)
1973	189.53 (12.01.73)	120.90 (14.12.73)
1972	199.47 (15.08.72)	174.48 (10.01.72)
1971	174.17 (31.12.71)	122.22 (03.03.71)
1970	145.79 (14.01.70)	110.75 (26.05.70)

* Flat interest yield.



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GLC Director-General

The wages of inflation

With the Chancellor's speech only four days away the Budget guessing game—already overplayed this year because of the crucial issues at stake—has reached fever pitch during the past week.

Mr Healey has already made it abundantly clear that his main concern is with the battle against inflation. But the burning question as to how he can even begin to tackle this problem seriously while fighting a simultaneous recession and at the same time appeasing the more militant unions is one that has eluded even the most forthright of pundits.

The Chancellor has significantly nodded his head in agreement with the economists' contention that inflation is now "wage-led" to a major degree. But political commentators doubt that even Mr Healey would be prepared to lay his political career on the line by re-introducing wage controls so soon after removing similar restraints.

Therefore to let some steam out of the economic pressure cooker while creating a substantial and urgently required shift of funds to industry he will almost certainly be forced to revert with considerable vengeance to the well-worked formula of robbing Peter to pay Paul.

As Peter is "everyman" almost by definition at Budget time it is hardly surprising to find the pessimism spread thick and evenly across the community.

But among British managers and executives there is increasing evidence of a philosophical attitude to this year's Budget, an attitude born out of apathy if not abject despair. Because for the high-flying career executive the Budget largely represents a further inevitable turning of the screw on incomes no matter what general policies Mr Healey employs. And two major surveys out this month only serve to prove how this line of thinking is based on grim experience.

A study carried out by A. P. Professional Personnel Ltd. into salaries in accountancy and law shows clearly how the professional man's real income remains on a downward curve despite the removal of price restraints. The survey reports that "If the figures since 1971 are considered on their own, the manual worker's earnings have risen 68 per cent the accountants by 52 per cent and the solicitor's by 46 per cent. "As during the same period the Retail Prices Index has risen 54 per cent, it is clear that manual earnings have kept ahead of inflation while the earnings of young professional men have not".

However the survey goes on to assert that younger accountants have generally managed to keep pace overall with rising prices while it is the older members of the profession whose real earnings are slumping fast. The reason is simple: "If inflation is running at 20 per cent anyone earning £4,000 probably needs about 25 per cent extra to cope with the two factors of income tax and inflation. The effect of progressive income tax rates for high earners means that someone earning £6,000 needs nearly 30 per cent extra to cope with 20 per cent inflation and someone earning £10,000 needs over 40 per cent. "Increases of this order are not being paid" the survey points out "and as a result members of the accountancy profession are now in a period when their standards of living are falling."

The survey goes on to compare professional earnings in Britain with those in Europe—and the gulf in many cases is staggering. An accountant earning £5,000 in London for example could expect his opposite number in West Germany to earn over £10,000 and his opposite number in France £9,500. When tax differences are taken into account the gap is wider still. Whereas a man earning £10,000 in the United Kingdom might keep 65 per cent of that as net income, his French counterpart earning say £17,500 would keep 70 per cent.

A wider-ranging survey into general salary levels of the British manager carried out by Lloyd Selection comes to similar conclusions. Management and executive salaries in over 400 companies surveyed had been increased by an annual average of only 17.8 per cent since the lifting of wage controls, while the current national average for all employees is around 29 per cent.

The survey states that after more than two years of counter-inflation pay controls many companies have since found it financially impossible to compensate their managers. Another highly significant factor was that 162 of the companies studied awarded fixed percentage increases across the board to all levels of staff with the result that differentials tapered away towards the top of the salary scale, as a result of the taxation system. The report points out that the situation is becoming so serious that executives seeking employment abroad are increasing at an alarming rate.

Survey of Salaries in Accountancy and Law: A.P. Professional Personnel Ltd.
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Company Secretary

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Applicants must have extensive experience at a senior level in the operation, organisation and management of the Fire Service of a large Local Authority.

For further particulars of the appointment please contact the undersigned at:

County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford ST16 2LH.
Applications (no forms) together with the names and addresses of three referees must be received by the 30th April, 1975.

J. BLAMIRE BROWN,
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The appointment will be for a period of three years, with possible fourth year maximum.

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Further particulars about this post can be obtained on application to FIRE SERVICES BRANCH, SCOTTISH HOME AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ROOM 45, 25-71 CARLTON TERRACE, EDINBURGH EH7 5DG.

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 001039 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of RUSSELL FIBRE-GLASS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 3rd day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by Synthetic Resins, Limited whose Registered Office is situate at Edwards Lane, Speke, Liverpool 24, Resin Manufacturers, And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2A 2LL, on the 28th day of April 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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No. 001042 of 1975
IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of TOWN RESORTS FINANCE COMPANY Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 3rd day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by Consolidated Credits and Discounts Limited whose registered office is at 15 Harley Street, London, W.1, a Creditor. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2A 2LL, on the 28th day of April 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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No. 001040 of 1975
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Dated this 7th day of April 1975.
By Order of the Board.
A. H. NANWANI,
Director.

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Applications, giving full details and the names of two referees, should be sent to the Secretary to the University, University of Edinburgh, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL, not later than 18th April, 1975. Please quote reference 1013.

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LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of WALWORTH BOUTIQUES Limited.
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DATE and PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
Creditors 22nd April, 1975, at Room 5.20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 3.00 o'clock
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Dated this 3rd day of April 1975.
By Order of the Board.
RALPH KRADER,
Director.

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1967 CLASHCREST Limited
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Dated this 4th day of April 1975
By Order of the Board
M. HARPER,
Director

QUBRIDGE BINGHAM & PARTNERS Ltd. The Companies Act, 1948. MARTIN JOHN SPENCER Chartered Accountant of Messrs. Sloy, Hayward & Co., 95, Wigmore Street, London, W1H 0AA, gives notice that was APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR in the above matter on the 21st March, 1975. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
M. J. SPENCER,
Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN the MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1967, and in the Matter of CARROLL LAND-LOUGH & ROGERS Limited (in Voluntary Liquidation).
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 300 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Wednesday, the 21st day of May 1975 at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up.
Dated this 9th day of April, 1975.
M. A. JORDAN,
Liquidator.

No. 001907 of 1974
IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of OAKES CONSTRUCTION Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948
By Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated 11th December, 1974, Mr. PATRICK GRANVILLE WHITE of 1a Wardrobe Place, Carter Lane, London, EC4V 5AY has been APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR of the above named Company WITH a COMMITTEE of INSPECTION.
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Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required on or before the 9th day of May 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned CHRISTOPHER MORRIS of 3 London Wall Buildings, London E.C.2, the Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 4th day of April 1975.
C. MORRIS,
Liquidator.
N.B. This Notice is purely formal. All known Creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act 1948 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of VINEBROOK PRODUCTS Limited will be held at 11 Old Jewry, London EC2 on Thursday the first day of May 1975 at 3.15 pm in the afternoon, for the purposes provided for in Sections 293 and 295
Dated the 7 day of April 1975.
HARVEY SONING,
Director.

COMPANY NOTICES

CLERICAL, MEDICAL AND GENERAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 151st Annual General Meeting of the CLERICAL, MEDICAL AND GENERAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY will be held at the Principal Office of the Society, 15 St. James's Square, London, S.W.1. on Wednesday, 14th May, 1975 at 2.30 p.m. for the following purposes:
1. To receive the Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December, 1974 and the Directors' and Auditors' Reports thereon.
2. To re-elect Directors.
3. To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.
4. To transact any other ordinary business of an Annual General Meeting.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held at the same place and on the same date at 2.40 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the annual General Meeting shall have been concluded or adjourned) to receive a Report from the Directors declaring the results of the actuarial investigation made into the financial condition of the Society as at 31st December 1974, and the amount of the available profits in respect of the preceding three years.

Any member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Society. Any instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the Principal Office of the Society not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting.

By Order of the Board
R. N. Rostrevors
A. G. O'Leary
Joint Secretaries

15 St. James's Square,
London SW1Y 4LQ
11th April, 1975.

COMPANY NOTICES

THE NATIONAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
145th Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the Head Office of the Society, 5 Bow Churchyard (off Cheapside) in the City of London, on Tuesday, the 6th day of May, 1975, at 12 noon precisely for the consideration of the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 31st December, 1974 for the election of Directors; to authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors and to transact all such other business as can properly be transacted at an Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Further, as provided by the Articles of Association of the Society, three Directors retire from office. The retiring Directors are The Hon. Mark Fitzalan Howard, Mr. M. H. Oram and The Earl of Rothes. The Hon. Mark Fitzalan Howard and Mr. M. H. Oram offer themselves for re-election, but The Earl of Rothes does not wish to do so.

The Auditors, Messrs. Ball Baker Carnaby Dew, Chartered Accountants also retire and will be re-appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 159 of the Companies Act, 1948.

By order of the Board
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4th March, 1975

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Secretarial and General Appointments

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...m, Starting Point. 10.35, Ed ... 10.55, Hammy Hamster. ...Here Comes the Future. ...Northern View. 12.00. ... 3.00, Film: Bedevilled, ...nne Baxter, Steve Forrest. ...he Count of Monte Cristo. ...Magpie. 5.20, Follyfoot. 5.50, ... 6.00, North-East News. ...Division. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, ... 7.30, The FBI. 8.30, London. 10.30, Sportstime. 11.00, ...Over the Moon, with Merle ...Rex Harrison. 12.35 am, ...Headlines. 12.40, Epilogue.

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...am, Northern View. 12.00, ... 1.20 pm, Grampian News ...ea. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, ...Only. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, ...he Black Orchid, with Sophia ...Anthony Quinn. 4.30, ... 5.20, Wait Till Your Father ...Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, ...n News. 6.10, Grampian ... 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Film, ...with Burt Reynolds, Barry ... 8.30, London. 10.30, Kenneth ...McKellar. 11.00, The Road ... 11.55, Prayers.

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...am, The Enchanted House. ...Northern View. 12.00. ... 1.20 pm, Ulster News ...es. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, ...n and Wife. 4.20, Thames. ...round the World in 80 Days. ...News. 6.00, UTV Reports. ...olice Six. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, ... 7.30, Kung Fu. 8.30, ...ast. 9.00, London. 10.30-...am, Film: The Scarlet Pimpernel, with Leslie Howard, Merle ..., Raymond Massey.

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...am, Northern View. 12.00, ... 1.25 pm, Anglia News. ...Thames. 2.00, Food File. ...Thames. 3.00, Film: Assault ...Wayne, with Leonard Nimoy. ...Colton. 4.25, Romper Room. ...Magpie. 5.20, Follyfoot. 5.50, ... 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, ...00, London. 7.30, The Six Dollar Man. 8.30, London. ...Probe Special. 11.00, Kung ...55, Meg What Matter.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University:* Maths; 7.05, Urban Education: Amsterdam and Haarlem; 7.30-7.55, Maths. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.00, Open University* ; The DES ; 5.50, Engineering Mechanics ; 6.15, Systems Modelling; 6.15, Physiology of Cells and Organisms 6.40, The Sense Organs. 7.05, All in the Mind : Being the Boss.

7.30 Newsday.

7.45 Collector's World.

8.10 The Old Grey Whistle Test.

9.00 The Postmistress, story by John Elliot.

9.30 Money Programme: Dear Chancellor—What do you want to see in the Budget ?

10.15 A Picture of Katherine Mansfield; part 4.

11.05 News.

11.25-11.30, Manning Wilson reads Family, by Norman MacCaig.

Granada

9.30 am, Cath Kandy. 9.55, Washington Irving. 10.35, Edgar Wallace, Ricochet.* 11.35, The Great White Nomad. 12.00, Thames. 1.20, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Film: Faith Domergue in Soho Incident.* 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, Randall and Hopkirk deceased. 7.30, Des O'Connor. 8.00, Hawaii Five-O. 9.00, Thames. 10.30, Kick off. 11.05, Film: Merle Oberon and Rex Harrison in Over the Moon. 12.30-1.00 am, Police Surgeon.

Westward

10.35 am, Funky Phantom. 11.05, Yoga for Health. 11.30, Northern View. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Film: Gunsmoke, with Audie Murphy, Susan Cabot. 4.20, Black Beauty. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, Anna and the King. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 7.30, Kung Fu. 8.30, London. 10.32, Westward News. 10.35, Film: Bride of Frankenstein, with Boris Karloff, Colin Clive, Mae Clark.* 11.55, Faith for Life.

Yorkshire

10.25 am, Ed Allen. 10.55, Hammy Hamster. 11.05, Here Comes the Future. 11.30, Cash Kandy. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Film: Anne Baxter and Steve Forrest in Bedevilled. 4.20, The Count of Monte Cristo. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, Follyfoot. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 7.30, The FBI. 8.30, London. 10.30, Sports. 11.00-12.30 am, Film, Merle Oberon and Rex Harrison in Over the Moon.

Border

10.35 am, Yoga for Health. 10.55, Hammy Hamster. 11.05, Woobinda. 11.30, Northern View. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, Film, Cattle Drive, with Joel McCrea, Dean Stockwell, Chill Wills. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Superman. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 7.30, Film: Outlaws. 8.30, London. 10.30, Survival. 11.00, Film, Over the Moon, with Rex Harrison, Merle Oberon.* 12.40 am, Border News Summary.

Thames

10.00 am, This Week. 10.30, Film, East of Sudan, with Anthony Quayle, Sylvia Syms. 12.00, Mr Trimble, 12.15 pm, A Handful of Songs. 12.30, Andy Stewart. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, General Hospital. 3.00, Film, The Rounders, with Glenn Ford, Henry Fonda. 4.20, Follyfoot. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, University Challenge.

5.50 News. 6.00, Today.

6.35 Crossroads.

London Weekend

7.00 Husband of the Year.

7.30 Caribe.

8.30 Des O'Connor.

9.00 Within These Walls.

10.00 News.

10.30 Police Five.

10.40 Film, Men Are Not Gods (1937), with Miriam Hopkins, Gertrude Lawrence, Sebastian Shaw, Rex Harrison.*

12.15 am, Daylight Must Come.

HTV

11.30 am, Northern Views. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, Film: Man in the Attic, with Jack Palance.* 4.20, Thames. 5.20, Orbit 5. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.18, Report Wales. 6.35, University Challenge. 7.05, Columbo. 8.30, London. 10.30, Survival. 11.00, Pathfinders. 12.00, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 4.20-4.50, Castell Caerlaeth. 6.01-6.18, Y Dydd. 10.30-11.00, Outlook. HTV WEST: As HTV except; 6.18-6.35 pm, Report West.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.00 pm, David Hamilton.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Rosko's Round Table. 7.02, W10. 7.30, Frank Chacksfield.† 8.02, Music Night. 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Lou Jackson.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Les Jackson.† 12.31, News. ...† Stereo.

2

5.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Tony Brandon. (Alan, Racing Bulletin.) 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk.) 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3

7.00 am, News. 7.05, Glazunov, Sarasate, Verdi.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Boccherini, Schubert, Arriaga.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Liszt. 9.40, Schubert and Schumann: Songs.† 10.20, Newcastle Festival Choir: Beethoven, Mozart.† 11.15, Reading. 11.10, Concert: part 2, Brahms.† 12.15, Mission Hymns and Songs. 12.15 pm, Concert: part 1, Beethoven, Liszt.†

1.00, News. 1.05, Playbill.† 1.20, Concert: part 2, Rawsthorne, Dukas. 1.55, Complete Nocturnes of John Field.† 2.35, Concert, part 1, Handel, Gerald.† 3.10, Poets on Music: Sir John Betjeman. 3.30, Concert: part 2, Bach.† 4.10, Royal Repertoire.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Talking Politics. 7.0, Talking Points. 7.30, Ravel.

... 7.45, Albert Hall: Concert, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky.† 8.35, Nijinsky's ... talk. 8.55, Concert: part 2, Shostakovich.† 10.00, Music Now. 10.30, A B Clav. E. Pedal.† 11.25-11.30, News.

4

6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.30, Prayer. 6.40, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.50, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Voice of the People: 031-458 5482. 10.00, News. 10.05, Checkpoint. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, 50 Years of Royal Broadcasts. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Twenty Questions. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Ladybird, Ladybird. 4.00, News. 4.05, Any Answers ? 4.35, Story Time: Hard Times. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.

6.00, News. 6.15, Brain of Britain 1975. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Pick of the Week. 8.30, Any Questions ? 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: The Truth about Pygmalion. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.25, News. 11.45, News. 12.01-12.04 am, Inshore forecast.

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ATV

11.30 am, Mr Piper. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Film: Dangerous Crossing, with Jeanne Crain, Michael Rennie. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, The Flintstones. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, London. 7.30, Hawaii Five-O. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Extra Time. 11.00-12.30 am, Film: Donovan's Brain, with Lew Ayres, Nancy Davis.*

Southern

11.15 am, Hammy Hamster. 11.30, Northern View. 12.00, Thames. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, Film: Powder River, with Rory Calhoun, Cameron Mitchell, Corinne Calvert. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Betty Boop. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day: Scene South East. 6.35, Husband of the Year. 7.05, Film: Female Artillery, with Dennis Weaver, Ida Lupino, Sally Ann Howes. 8.30, London. 10.30, Southern Report. 11.00, Southern News. 11.10, Police Story. 12.05 am, Untamed World. 12.35, Weather. Guideline.

Scottish

10.00 am, Film: Siege of the Saxons, with Ronald Lewis, Janette Scott. 11.30, Northern View. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, Film: Murder Once Removed, with John Forsythe. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Lucky ... poppers. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, The Flintstones. 7.00, Ways and Means. 7.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 8.30, London. 10.30, Late Call. 10.40-12.15 am, Film: The Power, with George Hamilton, Suzanne Pleshette.

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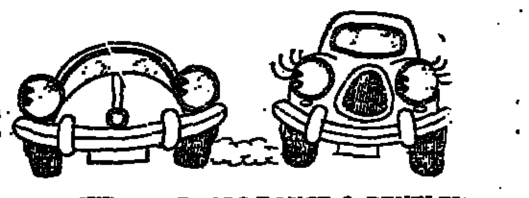

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ROUSE.—On 9 April, to Ann (nee Dubois) and Gerald—a daughter, sister for Louise and Clara.

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VANE.—On April 10th, at St. Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Honor and Christopher—a son (Nicholas James Tempest), a brother for Alexander.

ADOPTIONS

BOOTH.—On April 10th, by Kate (nee Cross), and Richard—a son (Michael John), born 21st September 1974.

CUMMING LATTEY.—By Susan (nee Excell) and Peter Cumming Lattey—a son (Jonathan Guy), now aged 6 months.

MARRIAGE

PRATT : FITZSIMON.—On the 5th April, 1975, at Llanpumsaint Church, Clifford Alan Pratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Pratt of Henbury, Bristol, and Elizabeth, daughter of Lt. Colonel and Mrs. James Fitzsimon, of Llanpumsaint Carmarthen.

DEATHS

AUSTIN.—On April 9th, of 28 Edinburgh Drive, Darlington, Joy (nee Ravenor), beloved by Frank, Sally, Kenneth and Maurice. Cremation at Darlington Crematorium on Tuesday, 15th April, at 11.30 a.m. Flowers to Seaton Leng and Son Ltd., 59A Bondgate, Darlington.

BRISTOW.—On April 10th, 1975, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, after a short illness, Roy Bristow, of 32 Lullington House, Upperton Road, Eastbourne. Much loved. Cremation private. No flowers, please, but donations if desired may be sent to R.N.L.I.

BURRELL.—On April 7th, peacefully in his sleep, aged 25 years, Peter (Timothy). Very dear husband of Patricia, father of Nicola and step-father of Sally-Anne. Funeral private.

CORAZZA.—On 9th April, on holiday in Kenya, Augustin Louis Charles, beloved husband of Christine and father of Martyn, Christine and Christopher Robert, *David, Adele and* Christopher. Cremation to take place in Kenya.

CUNNINGHAM.—On 8th March, 1975, at St. Pancras Hospital, London, Jessie Cunningham, daughter of the late Cameron and Mrs. David Cunningham, of Glasgow. Cremation at Golders Green on April 17 at 12.15 (Bedford Chapel). Flowers and enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 212 Eversholt St., N.W.1 (01-387 6075).

DODKIN.—On April 7th, peacefully, in her sleep, Rose Isabel, late of Golders Green, widow of William *Arthur Dodkin*, late of St. Albans, Herts. Service at Porchester Crematorium, Hants., on Thursday, April 17th, at 2.30 p.m. Enquiries to Burrells Funeral Directors. Tel.: Portsmouth 24531.

EDEN.—On April 8th, 1975, peacefully in hospital, after a short illness, William Arthur Eden, O.B.E., F.S.A., of Coleswood Lodge, East Common, Harpenden, beloved husband of Elizabeth and father of Ruth, Henry and Bill. Funeral service at St. John the Baptist, Harpenden, at 2 p.m., Tuesday, 15th April. Flowers may be sent to E. Seymour, 26 Marlborough Rd., St. Albans.

ELLERD-STYLES.—On 4th April, peacefully, in his 91st year, William Thomas, CEng, FIEE, MIMechE, FICasE, FINucE, of Ronny Coddy, Kingsdown, Deal. No letters, please.

FANE-GLADWIN. — On 9th April, 1975, at Minehead Hospital, Gerry, beloved husband of Robin of Windwhistle Farm, Treborough, Roadwater, Somerset. Funeral private. Donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research Campaign c/o Murrell & Dewer, Friday Street, Minehead, Somerset. Memorial service at Rotherfield, Sussex later.

GOSSE.—On April 7, 1975, at Nice, in her ninety-second year, Lucienne Gosse, widow of Rene Gosse, Dean of the Faculty of *Science*, University of Grenoble, who, with their only son, Jean, Pioneers and Leaders of French Resistance in the Dauphine were assassinated on the outskirts of Grenoble in the night of 21-22 December, 1943.

HAMILTON-LEACH. — On 10th April, 1975, Louis Margaret, of 37 Courtenay Place, Lymington, mother of Susan and daughter of Maurice Henry, and the late *Ethel Louis Pugh. Please, no* letters. Donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Dept. T2 P.O. Box 123, Lincolns Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PX. Funeral service at Boldre Church, nr. Lymington, on Tuesday, 15th April at 12.00.

HANKE.—On April 7th, Ralph F. H. Hanke, O.B.E., of Carrera 5, No. 28-14 Bogota, Colombia, S.A., *after a short illness* in his 74th year. Beloved husband of Morag Maclellan, dear father of Robert Hanke and grandfather of Robbie, John and Christine.

JONES.—*On April 5th,* 1975, suddenly at home, Barwick House, High Cross, nr. Ware, Herts. James Kirkby Jones, D.S.C., Lt.-Cdr. R.N.R. (retd.), aged 69, beloved husband of Lorna and dear father of John and William. Inquiries to T. Powell & Son, Ware 3260.

KAFTAL.—On April 2, 1975, Marian Averell, wife of George Kaftal of 25 Corso del Tintori, Florence, peacefully, after a short illness.

LOW.—On 8th April, 1975, suddenly, Malcolm D W. Low, MB, ChB, MRCP(E), FRCP(E), 9 Oxford Terrace, Edinburgh, dearly loved husband of Aileen and father of Hector, Catriona and Elizabeth Ann. Funeral arrangements later.

MILLS.—On 8th April, 1975, at South Western Hospital, S.W.9, Lt.-Col. Alfred Frank Mills (retired) O.B.E., M.C. Funeral at Hampstead Cemetery, Fortune Green Road, N.W.6. On 16th *April, at 3 p.m. No flowers by* request. Donations to R.M.B.I.

SALMON.—On April 9th, 1975, in a Suffolk nursing home, Marjorie Joan Crandall, aged 87 years. Widow of Canon D. M. Salmon. Funeral Service at Ipswich Crematorium on Tuesday, April 15th, at 12.30 p.m. Enquiries to the Vicarage, Clare, Suffolk. Telephone Clare 209.

SENHOUSE.—*On April 7th, at The* Fitz, Cockermouth, peacefully, Nancy, widow of Humphrey and dearly loved mother of Patricius. Funeral at Brigham Church, today, Friday, April 11th, at 10.45 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

SHARPE.—On 6th April, at Brae Mar, Richmond Avenue, Bognor Regis, Evelyn Blanche Sharpe. Service at Golders Green Crematorium at 10.45 on Monday, 14th April.

SHERIDAN. — On April 7 at her home in Berkeley, California, after a long illness *bravely borne*, Lily Julia (nee Kloeckner), aged 85, beloved mother of the late Inga Amos, and dear grandmother of Michael and Jeremy. Cremation private.

SIMONIS.—On April 9th, 1975, suddenly, but peacefully at her new home, 51 Wilson Avenue, Brighton, Lily Holly, aged 88, widow of Dr Henry Simonis, mourned by her large family. Funeral at Golders Green Cemetery 2.30 p.m., Monday.

WIGRAM.—On April 9th, 1975, Katharine Muriel Wigram, of St. Olaves, Folkestone, daughter of John Wigram of Collingham, Notts, in her 94th year. Funeral service at St. Saviours Church, Folkestone, at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15th, followed by cremation.

***WRIGHT.**—On April 10th, peace*fully, after a long illness, Herbert, of Collihole Farm, Chagford, Devon, aged 69, beloved husband of Monica and much loved father and grandfather. Family flowers only. Funeral at Exeter Crematorium on Wednesday, April 16th, at 2.30 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BRETT. Hon. Mrs. A service will be held for Zena (Dare) at St. James's, Piccadilly, on Friday, April 11, at noon. No mourning.

DEROUET.—A service of thanksgiving for Tim Derouet, will be held at the Queens Chapel of the Savoy on Tuesday, April 15th at 12 noon.

HINE.—A memorial service will be held in memory of Len Hine on Thursday 24th April at 11.30 am, at Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London, W.1.

OWEN.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Kathleen Noel Owen will be held at All Hallows-by-the-Tower, on Friday, April 18th, at 5.30 p.m.

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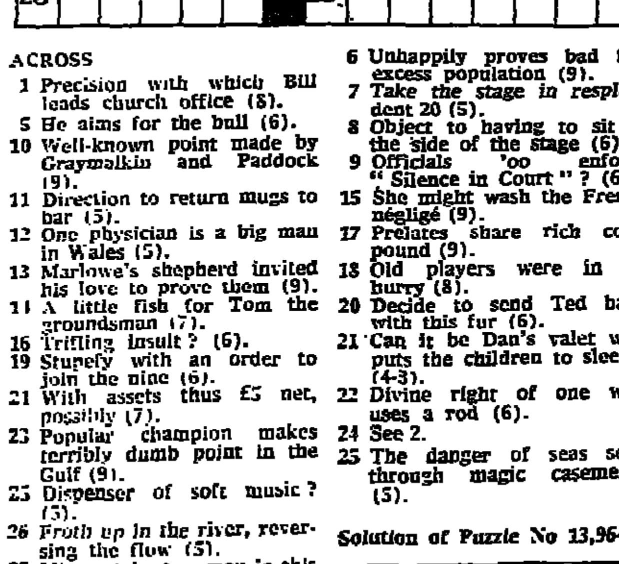


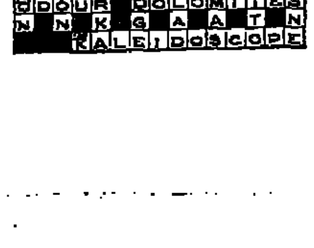
ACROSS

1 Precision with which Bill leads church office (8).
5 He aims for the bull (6).
10 Well-known point made by Graymalkin and Paddock (9).
11 Direction to return mugs to bar (5).
12 One physician is a big man in Wales (5).
13 Marlowe's shepherd invited his love to prove them (9).
14 A little fish for Tom the groundsman (7).
16 Trifling insult? (6).
19 Stupefy with an order to join the nine (6).
21 With assets thus £5 net, possibly (7).
23 Popular champion makes terribly dumb point in the Gulf (9).
25 Dispenser of soft music? (5).
26 *Froth up in the river, reversing the flow* (5).
27 Miners take two men in this order (9).
28 *X is in the remainder* (6).
29 " A jar close packed "—eccentric don's clue (8).

DOWN

1 Book about noisy '51 troubles (8).
2, 24 Clubbed game, sir!—*deplorable in such sportsmen* (9, 5).
3 Controls controllers of court procedure (3).
4 Enthusiastic member of audience gives tongue (7).
6 Unhappily proves bad for excess population (9).
7 *Take the stage in resplendent 20* (5).
8 Object to having to sit at the side of the stage (6).
9 Officials 'oo enforce " Silence in Court " ? (6).
15 She might wash the French négligé (9).
17 Prelates share rich compound (9).
18 Old players were in no hurry (8).
20 Decide to send Ted back with this fur (6).
21 Can it be Dan's valet who puts the children to sleep? (4-3).
22 Divine right of one who uses a rod (6).
24 See 2.
25 The danger of seas seen through magic casements (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 13,964



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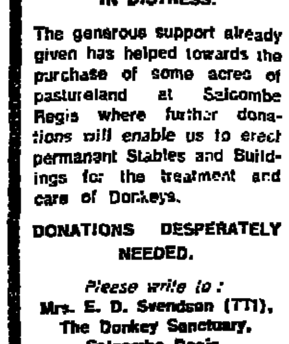

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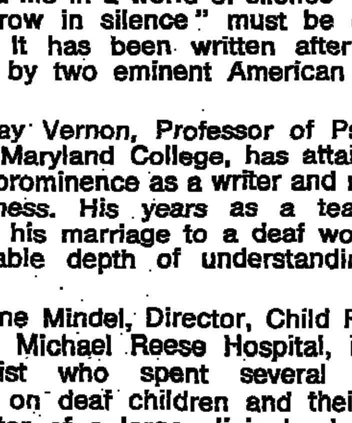

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